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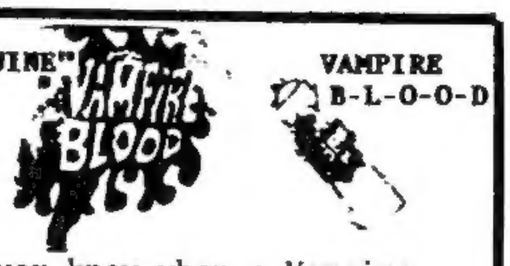

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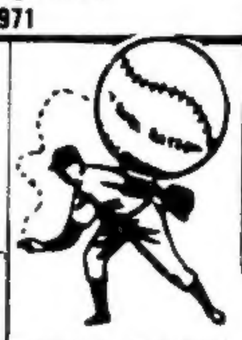

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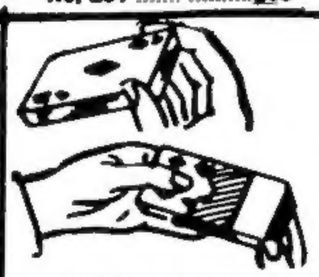

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THE PIT of HORROR

MIDNIGHT IN A LAND OF RUIN AND HORROR ... AND SUDDENLY THE THROBBING DRUMS HERALD THE ARRIVAL OF THE DEAD!

SOMEWHERE IN THE BLACK HEART OF AFRICA, A SMALL VILLAGE SUDDENLY EXPERIENCES THE SHOCK OF A *VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE...*

NO! N... AARGH-H-H!!!

YAAH-H-H! THE WORLD IS ENDED!

THE TEMPLE!! THE TEM... *YAIEEE-EEE!!*

OUR FALSE GOD MALA HAS BETRAYED US! HE HAS WREAKED THIS HORROR UPON US!
AND THESE ARE HIS AGENTS OF DESTRUCTION OUR CHIEF AND OUR HIGH PRIEST!! IF MALA IS OUR GOD NO LONGER THEY MUST DIE!!

BIND THE PRIEST TO THE STAKE ... WE SHALL DEAL FIRST WITH OUR WRETCHED LEADER!!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME? MALA SHALL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THIS!

NO! NO! NOT THE VOLCANO!
HURRY! IT IS GROWING DARK!!

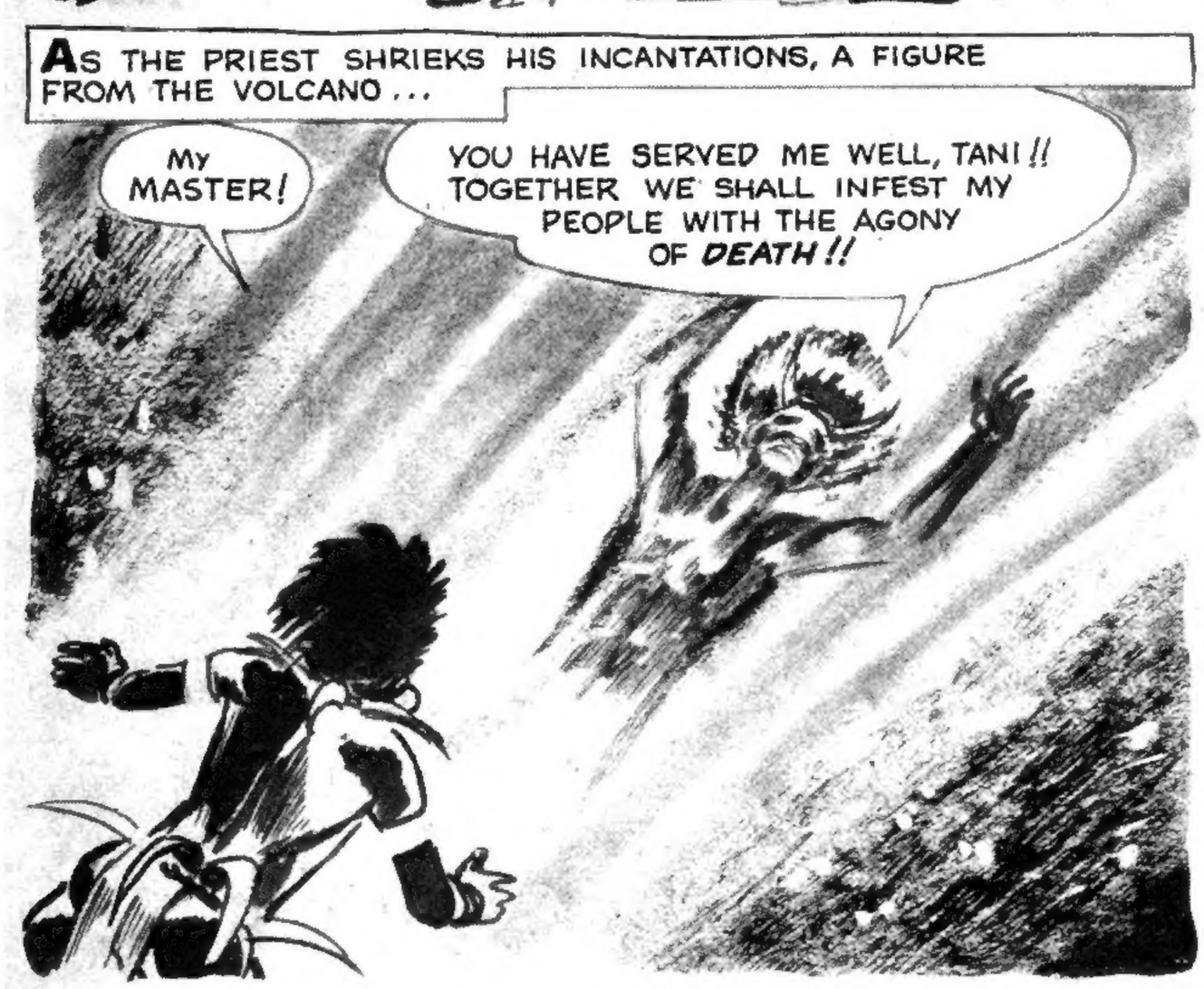
I AM YOUR LEADER! YOU CANNOT DO THIS!
SEE HOW IT BOILS AND BUBBLES!! SEE HOW IT IS EAGER TO WELCOME YOU! AND NOW YOU MUST...

ONE BRIEF BUT VIOLENT THRUST... AND THE CHIEF OF THE TRIBE HURTLES INTO A FIERY DOOM...
DIE!!
YAGH-H-H-H!

COME! WE MUST BURY OUR DEAD BEFORE THE NIGHT IS DONE!!
AND IN THE MORNING OUR PRIEST SHALL MEET HIS DESERVED FATE!!

LATE THAT EVENING, THE DOOMED PRIEST STRUGGLES DESPERATELY TO FREE HIMSELF... AND SUCCEEDS...
AHHH! THE BONDS ARE BROKEN! NOW THESE SLEEPING FOOLS SHALL FEEL THE POWER OF MALA'S WRATH!! I SHALL GO TO THE VOLCANO!!

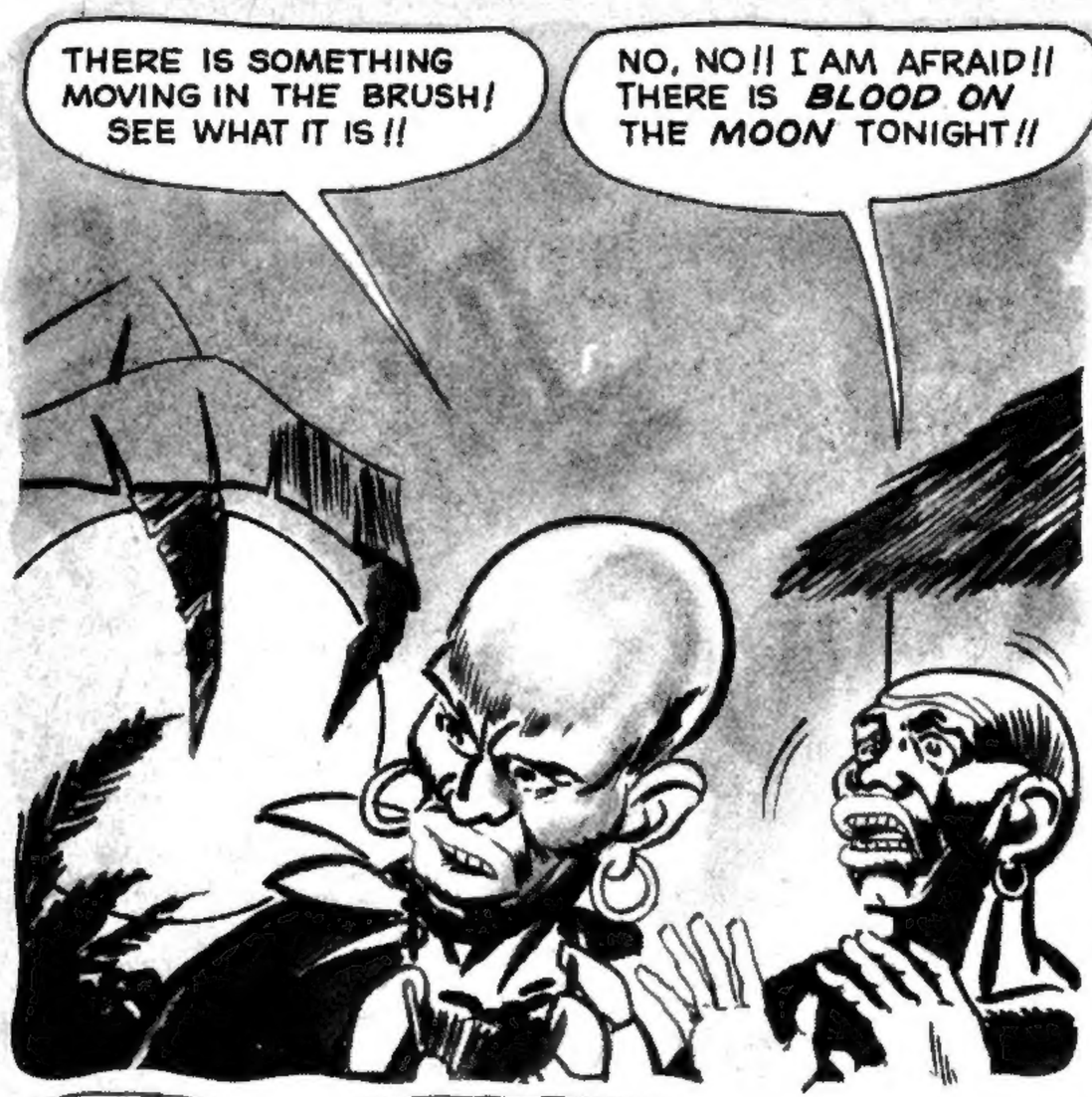
O MALA WHO DWELLS IN THE DEPTHS OF THE FLAMES... HEAR ME!! RESTORE MY MASTER FROM THE BOILING LAVA... SO THAT HE MIGHT STRIKE TERROR AT THE HEARTS OF HIS MURDERERS!!


AS THE PRIEST SHRIEKS HIS INCANTATIONS, A FIGURE FROM THE VOLCANO...
MY MASTER!
YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL, TANI!! TOGETHER WE SHALL INFEST MY PEOPLE WITH THE AGONY OF DEATH!!

MALA MUST HELP US TO AVENGE OURSELVES ON THE VILLAGE!
HE SHALL HELP US, YOU MUST FOLLOW ME TO THE BURIAL GROUND WHERE OUR DEAD LIE IN RESTLESS SLEEP!!

IN THE FORBIDDING STILLNESS OF THE TROPICAL EVENING THE FIGURE OF THE PRIEST STANDS UTTERING A PAGAN INCANTATION THAT FALLS UPON THE AIR LIKE A CRY OF HORROR!!
RISE FROM YOUR GRAVES, O DEAD ONES!! I SHALL GUIDE YOU BACK TO YOUR GRIEVING PEOPLE!! BAROUNDA CAVALO!!

AND SOON THE STIRRING OF THE GRAVES BRING FORTH AN APPALING SIGHT AS THE DEAD RETURN FROM THE GATES OF HELL TO WANDER THE EARTH ONCE MORE!!
OHH-H-H-H!! WHAT DO YOU WISH WITH US?
ONLY THAT YOU RETURN AT ONCE TO THE VILLAGE OF YOUR BIRTH!!



AS THE VILLAGERS STARE IN HORROR AT THEIR *UNBIDDEN GUESTS,* A VIOLENT FLASH OF LIGHTNING BRINGS YET *ANOTHER* ARRIVAL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND...

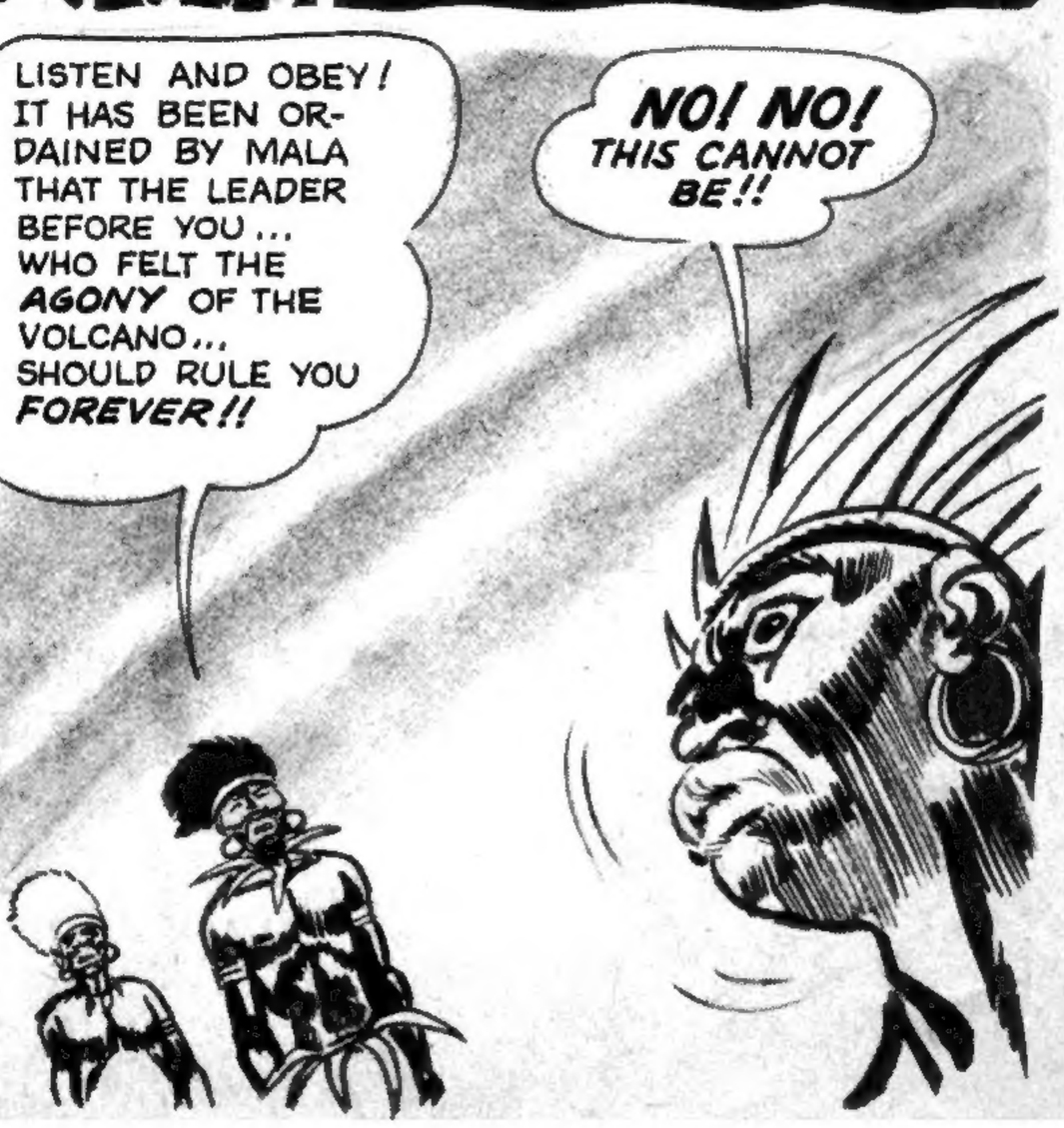
OVERWHELMED WITH FEAR AND HORROR, THE VILLAGERS STRUGGLE TO THE MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO, KNOWING THAT SOME MUST MEET A *FIENDISH* DEATH IN THE *HUNGRY, STEAMING* LAVA!...
OHH-H-H-H! I DO NOT WISH TO *DIE!!*
YET MALA MUST BE APPEASED... OR OUR PEOPLE SHALL WALK IN ETERNAL BLACKNESS!!

FOR MY PEOPLE!! AIEE-EE-EE!!
ARGH-H-H!!

AS THE SACRIFICE CONTINUES, NEW BODIES ARE OFFERED UP TO THE *INSATIABLE GREED* OF THE VOLCANO!!...
NO! NO! DON'T... YAAAH-H-H-H!!
YOU ARE THE TO GO!!...

IT IS *DONE,* O ALL-POWERFUL MALA!! THE CURSE UPON US MUST BE *ENDED!*

SEE!! THE DEAD HAVE *GONE!* BUT OUR PRIEST AND OUR CHIEF *REMAIN!!*
WHAT *MORE* CAN MALA DEMAND OF US??


LISTEN AND OBEY! IT HAS BEEN ORDAINED BY MALA THAT THE LEADER BEFORE YOU... WHO FELT THE *AGONY* OF THE VOLCANO... SHOULD RULE YOU *FOREVER!!*
NO! NO! THIS CANNOT BE!!

NEVER! WE SHALL NEVER BE RULED BY SO HORRIBLE A CREATURE!!
MALA HAS WRONGED US BY DEMANDING SO HEAVY A PRICE! WE WILL NOT OBEY HIM!!
AGAIN A VIOLENT FLASH OF LIGHTNING RIPS THROUGH THE STEAMING AIR... AND MALA APPEARS ONCE MORE!
MALA!!
YOU HAVE DEFIED ME FOR THE LAST TIME MY PEOPLE!! YOUR DOOM IS SEALED!!
I SHALL DESTROY YOU ALL! THE EARTH SHALL SWALLOW YOU UP!!
NO, MALA!! HAVE MERCY!! DON'T...
ONE ANGRY OATH BY THE GOD MALA... AND SOON THE VILLAGE BECOMES A NIGHTMARE OF RUIN AND CHAOS...
AIEEE-E-E-E!!
YAARGH-H-H-H!!
N-YAAAH-H-H!!!
SOON A STILLNESS FALLS OVER THE VILLAGE ...THE STILLNESS OF DEATH! AND IN THE DISTANCE, THE VOLCANO RUMBLES IT'S FIERY WELCOME TO WHOMEVER WISHES TO PENETRATE IT'S BLACK AND BURNING HEART!!...
THE END

FROM OUT OF THE COFFIN

YEAH-- I'LL KNOCK OFF LENNIE, THE STUPID OX-- AND THEN ALL THE OLD MAN'S DOUGH WILL BE MINE!

BUT CARL ZARN DID NOT DIE SO SWIFTLY!
WHY DOES FATHER HAVE TO DIE, VINCENT? MAKE HIM WELL AGAIN!
COME ON NOW, LENNIE! YOU'RE A BIG BOY! CRYING WON'T MAKE ANY-THING BETTER! DAD HAS TO GO, THAT'S ALL!

B-BUT WHO'S GONNA TAKE CARE OF ME WHEN I GET THE SHAKES? WHO'S GONNA GIVE ME THEM PILLS?
I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU, LENNIE! THAT'S A GOOD BOY! NOW TO BED!

THANK YOU, VINCENT! GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT, LENNIE! I'LL BE WITH DAD!
GOODBYE, YOU BIG HALF-WITTED SLOB! YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE PERFECT METHOD TO GET RID OF YOU!

"TABLETS FOR SEIZURES"--HMMM-- SUPPOSE I FORGOT TO GIVE HIM HIS PILLS? YES... THAT'S IT!

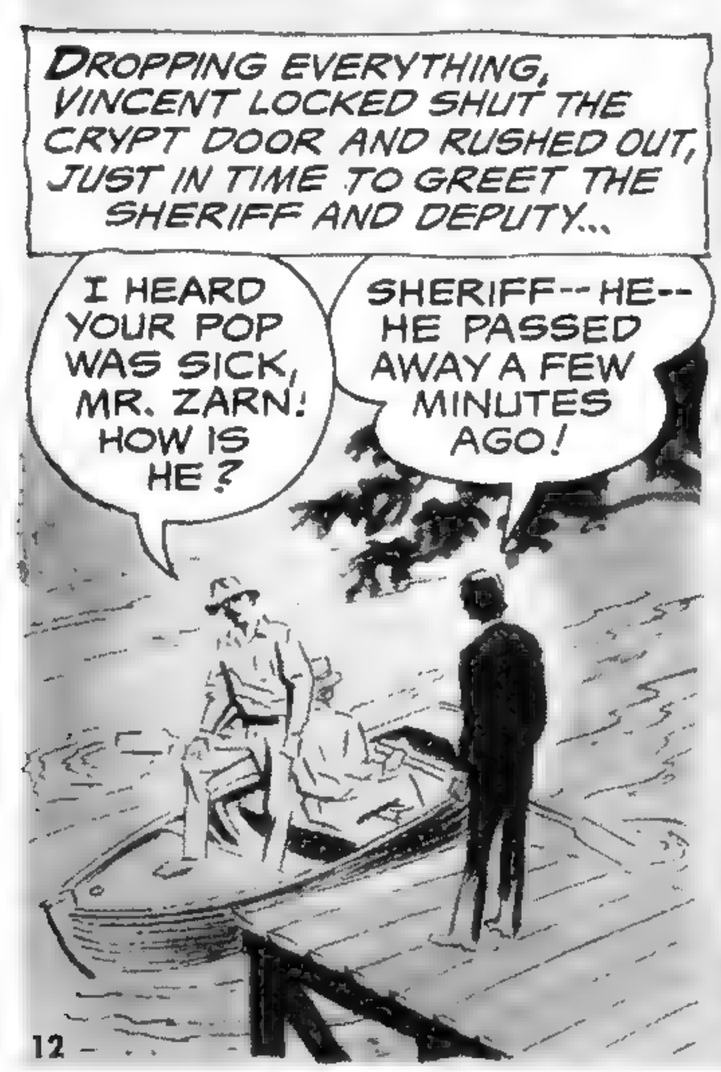
THE NEXT DAY...
GOODBYE, BOYS! TAKE-- CARE--OF-- EACH OTHER... UGHHH...
FATHER! FATHER! DON'T DIE NOW!

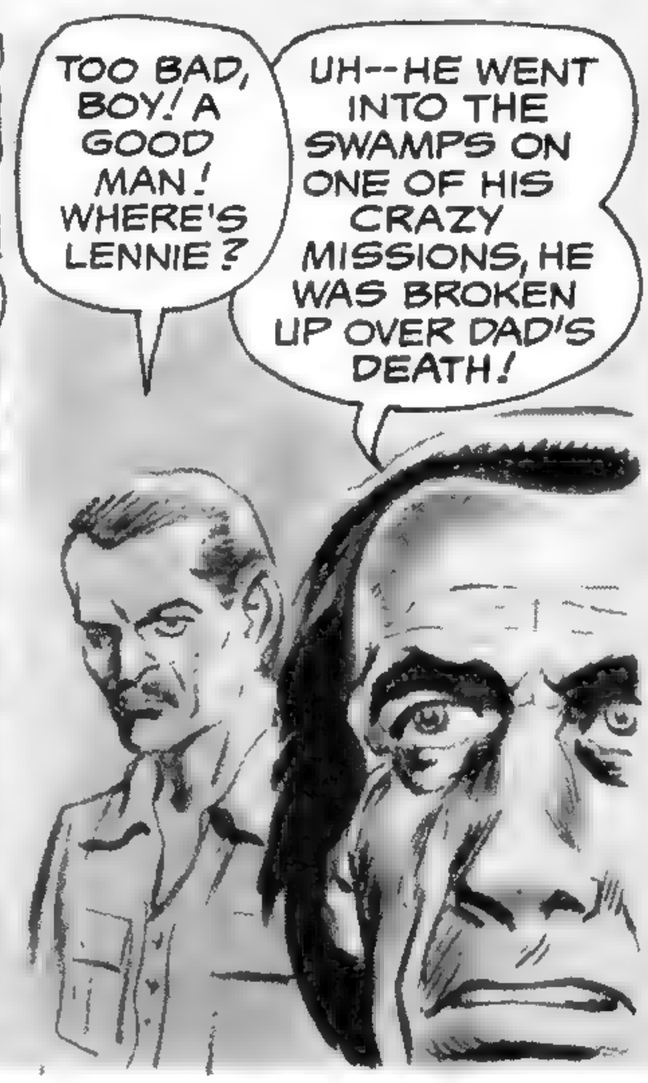
I-- I FEEL FAINT! I'M GONNA START SHAKING AGAIN! HELP ME-- VINCENT!
I'M HERE, LENNIE! CAN YOU MOVE?

NO! I--I'M PASSING OUT! GET ME THE PILLS, VINCENT-- THE PILLS!
SORRY, LENNIE! I CAN'T HEAR YOU! WHAT DID YOU SAY? HA, HA...

LENNIE ZARN LAPSED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, THEN...
SO LONG, LENNIE! YOU LIKED TO BE WITH DAD SO MUCH, YOU CAN JOIN HIM! HA, HA...

JUST A FEW MORE NAILS-- AND-- W- WHAT WAS THAT? I HEAR VOICES!


DROPPING EVERYTHING, VINCENT LOCKED SHUT THE CRYPT DOOR AND RUSHED OUT, JUST IN TIME TO GREET THE SHERIFF AND DEPUTY...
I HEARD YOUR POP WAS SICK, MR. ZARN! HOW IS HE?
SHERIFF-- HE-- HE PASSED AWAY A FEW MINUTES AGO!


TOO BAD, BOY! A GOOD MAN! WHERE'S LENNIE?
UH--HE WENT INTO THE SWAMPS ON ONE OF HIS CRAZY MISSIONS, HE WAS BROKEN UP OVER DAD'S DEATH!

WELL--IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO, CALL US!
I WILL, SHERIFF-- GOODBYE!
HA-HA! YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN!

TWO DAYS PASSED -- PRECIOUS DAYS WHICH VINCENT USED TO TEAR THE HOUSE APART TO FIND THE MONEY HIS FATHER HAD BURIED BY THE BUSHELFUL! AND IN THE CRYPT, A DEAD LENNIE, NOW SUFFOCATED, LAY QUIET AND OMINOUS, BUT...

AND OUT OF THAT SOMBER CRYPT OF THE DEAD, AROSE A CREATURE THAT HAD ALSO BEEN DEAD -- BUT NOW RETURNED TO CLAIM HORRIBLE REVENGE ON ITS OWN BROTHER...!

LIKE A CAT STALKING A RAT, THE HUGE BEHEMOTH OF DOOM MOVED SILENTLY THROUGH THE MANSION -- UNTIL IT FOUND ITS VICTIM!

WITH ONE MIGHTY SWOOP, THE ROTTED CADAVER SNATCHED THE SCREAMING BROTHER UNDER HIS ARM!

PLEASE, LENNIE-- PLEASE...
GOODBYE, VINCENT! GOODBYE!

MOMENTS LATER, THE GLOOM OF EVENING WAS BROKEN BY A GIANT FIGURE CARRYING A DISTORTED WOODEN SHAPE--THE COFFIN OF VINCENT ZARN-- BURIED ALIVE!
I'M TAKING YOU INTO THE SWAMP, VINCENT! I'M GONNA THROW YOU INTO QUICKSAND! I--

AAAAAAAGHH!

BUT CHANCE HAD PULLED ONE OF ITS QUIRKS AGAIN, THE THING STEPPING ON A SOFT POCKET OF SAND, HAD FALLEN INTO THE QUAGMIRE ITSELF!

YAAAAAH

GLUG GLUG GURGLE...
SECONDS LATER, A YELLOWISH BUBBLE MARKED THE SCUMMY SURFACE! THE BROTHERS--SO APART FROM EACH OTHER IN LIFE--HAD AT LAST BEEN UNITED IN--DEATH!

THE END

AS THEY BEGAN TO CLIMB THE MYSTERY MOUNTAIN IN SEARCH OF GOLD, AN OMINUS HORROR SURROUNDED THEM AND, THEN ATTACKED!

the ICE MONSTERS

MARIE NORET AND TWO TOUGH-LOOKING TOURISTS, IN REALITY AMERICAN GANGSTERS IN HIDING, RUSHED TO THE DOOR!
FATHER! WHAT'S WRONG?
QUICKLY... I CLOSE THE DOOR! IT'S AFTER ME! CLOSE IT! CLOSE IT! AIIEEE! THERE IT IS!

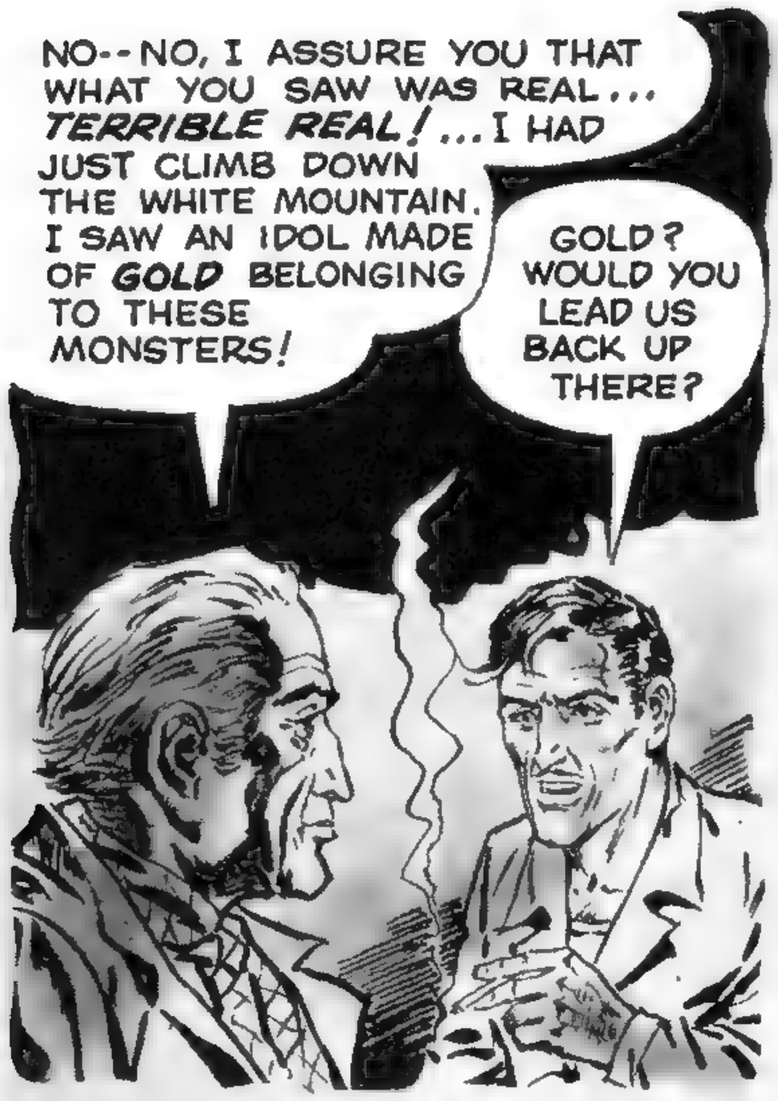
AAAARRRGH!

EEEEEEEE!
STAY AWAY... WHATEVER YOU ARE! ROCKY... DRILL HIM! HURRY!

LOOK, NICK! IT'S RUNNING INTO THOSE WOODS!
HOLD IT, THEN! PUT THE GUN AWAY! WE DON'T WANT THEM GETTING TOO CURIOUS ABOUT OUR CARRYING RODS!

OH... IT... IT WAS HORRIBLE! WH-WHAT WAS IT, PAPA?
HEY... LOOK! THERE'S SOMETHING MADE OF ICE ON THE FLOOR!

UGHH! IT'S A CLAWED HAND MADE OF ICE! I... I MUST HAVE BROKEN IT OFF WHEN I HIT IT WITH THAT POKER!
NICK... SOMEONE'S TRYING TO PUT SOMETHING OVER ON US! THEY'RE TRYIN TO SCARE US!


NO--NO, I ASSURE YOU THAT WHAT YOU SAW WAS REAL... *TERRIBLE REAL!*...I HAD JUST CLIMB DOWN THE WHITE MOUNTAIN. I SAW AN IDOL MADE OF *GOLD* BELONGING TO THESE MONSTERS!
GOLD? WOULD YOU LEAD US BACK UP THERE?

NO, MONSIEUR NICK! THERE ARE LEGENDS CONCERNING THE WHITE MOUNTAIN... LEGENDS BETTER NOT PROVEN!
YEAH... BUT THINK OF THE GOLD MARIE! WE'LL BE RICH...

PERHAPS... BUT NONE WHO ASCEND THE MOUNTAIN ...EVER RETURN!
BALONEY! YOUR POP DID...AND SO WILL WE!

BUT, AS THE DAYS PASSED...
COME ON, MARIE! ALL WE GOTTA DO IS FIND THAT IDOL! THEN WE'LL BE RICH... I'LL BUY YOU ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE WANTED! HOW ABOUT IT?
I...I DON'T KNOW! LET ME THINK!

MARIE WAS WON OVER, HER MIND DULLED BY THE BEAUTIFUL FUTURE NICK PAINTED SO GLIBLY, WEEKS LATER THEY STARTED ON THE JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN!!
FROM HERE ON... WE MUST ATTACH ROPES... THE CLIMB IS DANGEROUS!

OHH...I...I'M SLIPPING! HELP ME!
GOT YOU! BE CAREFUL!

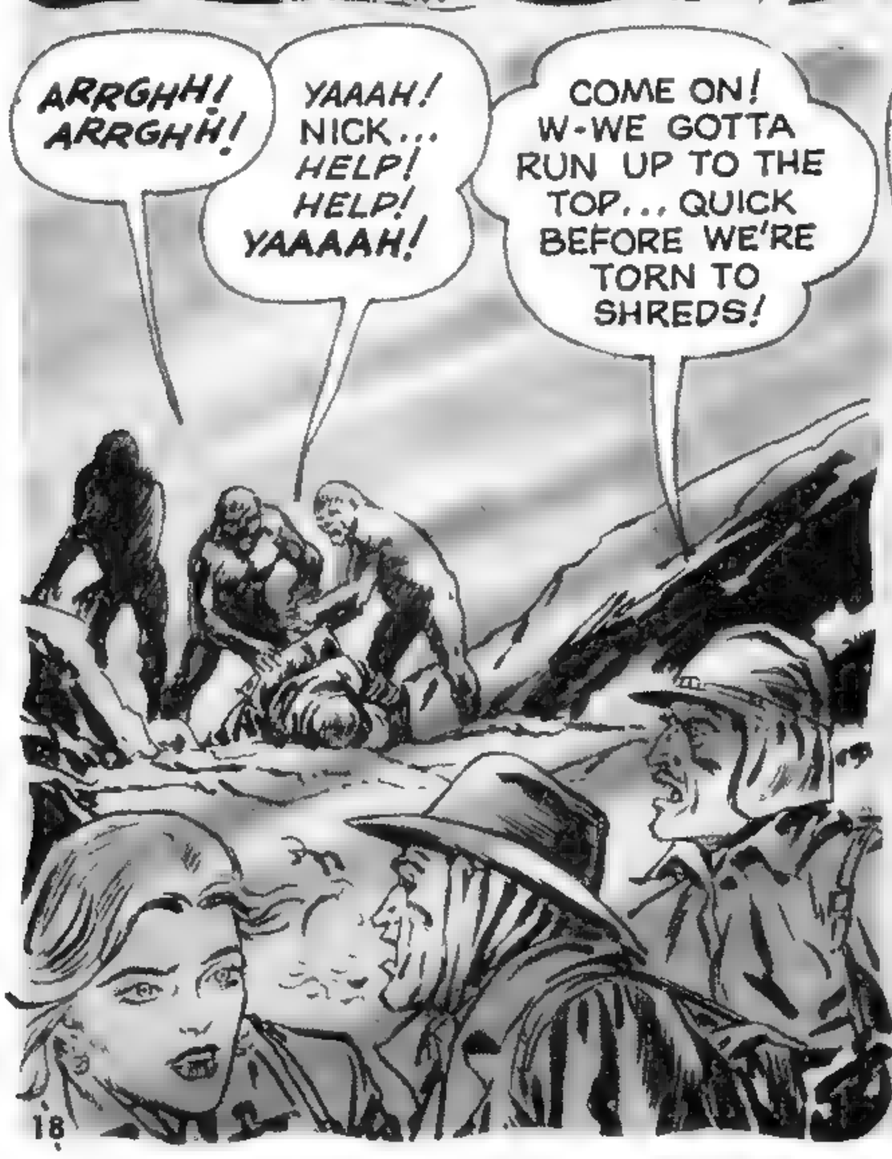
YEAH, JUST BE CAREFUL UNTIL WE GET UP THAT MOUNTAIN. THEN ALL OF YOU CAN *DIVE OFF* FOR ALL I CARE!

FOR HOURS, THE PARTY OF FOUR CLIMBED, CLUTCHED CLAWED THEIR WAY UP THE STEEP CHILLED, ICY SIDES OF THAT OMINUS MOUNTAIN...

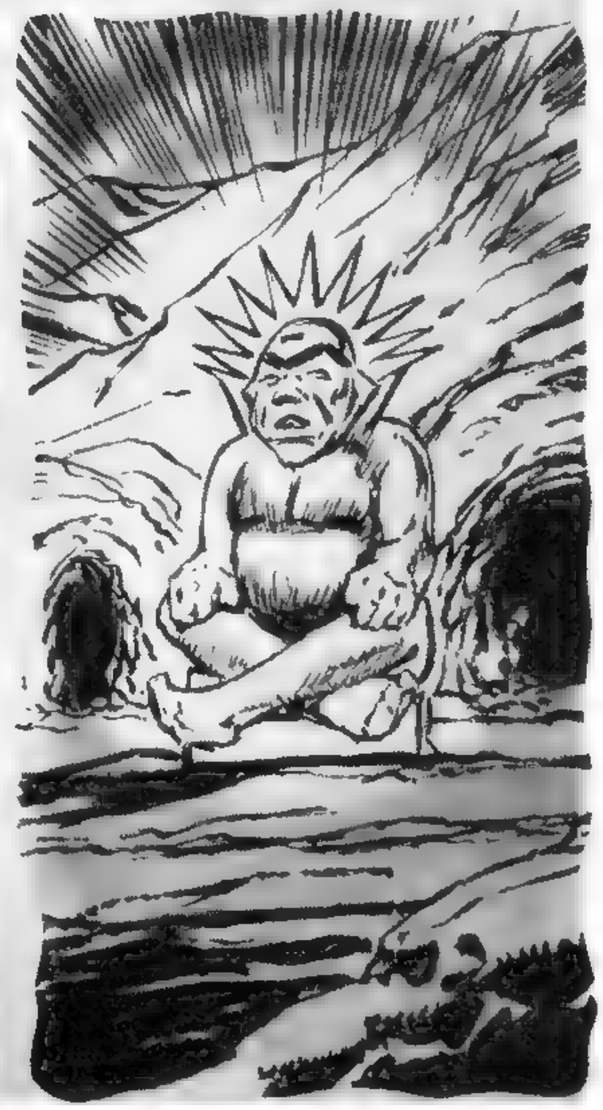
THEN...
AGHH! THIS LOUSY SNOW BLINDS MY EYES!
NICK... I SEE SOME-THING OVER THERE!

ARRGHHH!
THEY HAVE SEEN US...THE MONSTERS OF THE MOUNTAIN! HELP!
STAY AWAY FROM US YOU SLOBS!

I'LL FIX YA ALL! YOU DON'T SCARE ME! BULLETS CAN KILL YOU JUST LIKE IT KILL OTHERS!
ROCKY... YA DUMB NUT! NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! THEY'RE COMING FOR US!


ARRGHH! ARRGHH!
YAAAH! NICK... HELP! HELP! YAAAAH!
COME ON! W-WE GOTTA RUN UP TO THE TOP... QUICK BEFORE WE'RE TORN TO SHREDS!

HOLY SMOKE! I'TS... ITS UNBELIEVABLE! I... I'M GOING BATS!
GASP... GASP... LOOK! THERE'S YOUR IDOL...



SUDDENLY FROM BEHIND...

ARRGGHH! ARRGGHH!

OHH! THEY WILL KILL US!

I...I CAN'T MOVE MY ARMS! THEY'VE PINNED 'EM DOWN!

NOW THEY WERE TAKEN TO A STRANGE VILLAGE, WHERE, SAT A LARGE MONSTROUS FIGURE... OBVIOUSLY THE RULER OF THE CREATURES...

MMMPFFF! MMMPFFF! MMMPFF!

HE CAN'T TALK! BUT SOMETHING IS GOING ON IN THAT HEAD!

THEY ARE LOOKING AT ME AIIEEE!

EEEEE! HELP! HELP!

ARRGH! MMPFFF!

MY CHILD...MY CHILD! I...I WILL NOT LET THEM TAKE HER! LET HER GO!

LET HIM WORRY ABOUT THE GIRL! THERE'S THE IDOL OVER THERE! I'LL GRAB IT AND SCRAM!

GOT IT!

ARRRGHH!

ARRGHH!

THE GANGSTER MANAGED TO ELUDE HIS PERSUERS AND HIDE IN ONE OF THE MANY GROTTOS RIMMING THE MOUNTAINS TOP. HOURS WENT BY, THEN...

WHAT WAS THAT? I'VE GOTTA TAKE MY CHANCE NOW... GOT TO MAKE IT OUTTA HERE!

NICK CAUTIOUSLY LEFT THE CAVE OPENING, AND PREPARED TO SNAKE DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE, THE SNOW HAD NOW SUBSIDED, BUT THE ONE LAST LOOK HE CAST ON THE VILLAGE, TRANSFIXED HIM WITH HORROR!
AIIEE! SHE'S FROZEN SOLID... AND OLD CARL'S DEAD!

ARRGHHH!
THEY'VE SPOTTED ME! WELL...I'M NOT GONNA GET CAUGHT!

NICK RAN, STUMBLED, TWISTED, DODGED HIS EERIE PURSUERS, FIRING WILDLY, FRANTICALLY. SUDDENLY, AN OMINUS RUMBLING INCREASED! HIS PISTOL SHOTS HAD STARTED A SNOWSLIDE.

HA, HA, HA! WHAT LUCK! NOW YOU'LL NEVER GET ME COME AHEAD AND TRY... YOU'LL HAVE TO CROSS TEN YARDS OF THIN AIR FIRST! HA, HA...

I SHOWED 'EM! HA, HA!... I'M GONNA BE RICH... RICH LIKE NEVER BEFORE! WHO SAID I'D NEVER COME BACK? I'LL... MY ARM!

IT... IT'S TURNING INTO SOLID ICE...! I'M GETTIN FROZEN ALL OVER... LIKE THEM! NO! NO! AIIEEEEEEE!
THE END

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FEAST FOR RATS

AH LIVE, MATTY WAS A THORN IN TOM COPPLE'S SIDE, BUT NOW TOM'S PATH WAS CLEAR, FOR MATTY WAS DEAD, AND DEAD MEN CAN'T COME BACK TO HARRY THE LIVING... OR... DO THEY?...

STEFANCICH

SPRING HAS COME TO COALVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND WITH IT COMES FLOWERS, BIRDS, AND THOUGHTS OF...

...LOVE! IT'S WONDERFUL! MATTY, WHY DON'T YOU GET YOURSELF A GIRL FRIEND? LOOK AT ME, I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY SINCE I MET RUTH!

ER... AH... YEAH... I... AH... GOT TO GO, TOM! SO LONG! SEE YOU AT THE MINE!

POOR GUY! I THINK HE'S AFRAID OF GIRLS! WELL, I'VE GOT A BIG NIGHT AHEAD OF ME!

YES, SIR! THIS IS MY NIGHT! WAIT TILL SHE SEES THIS RING! RUTH... I'LL SAY... "I LOVE YOU AND WANT YOU TO BE MY W--"

BUT HARDLY DOES TOM ARRIVE AT RUTH'S HOUSE WHEN...

OOH, MATTY, DARLING...
WHEN YOU KISS ME LIKE THAT, BABY, I ALMOST DON'T FEEL LIKE A HEEL FOR FALLING IN LOVE WITH MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL!

I NEVER PROMISED ANYTHING TO TOM! IS IT MY FAULT THAT HE GOT SERIOUS WITH ME?
I'M SORRY, DEAR, IT'S JUST THAT TOM IS MY OLDEST FRIEND... BUT EVEN HE CAN NEVER TAKE YOU FROM ME!

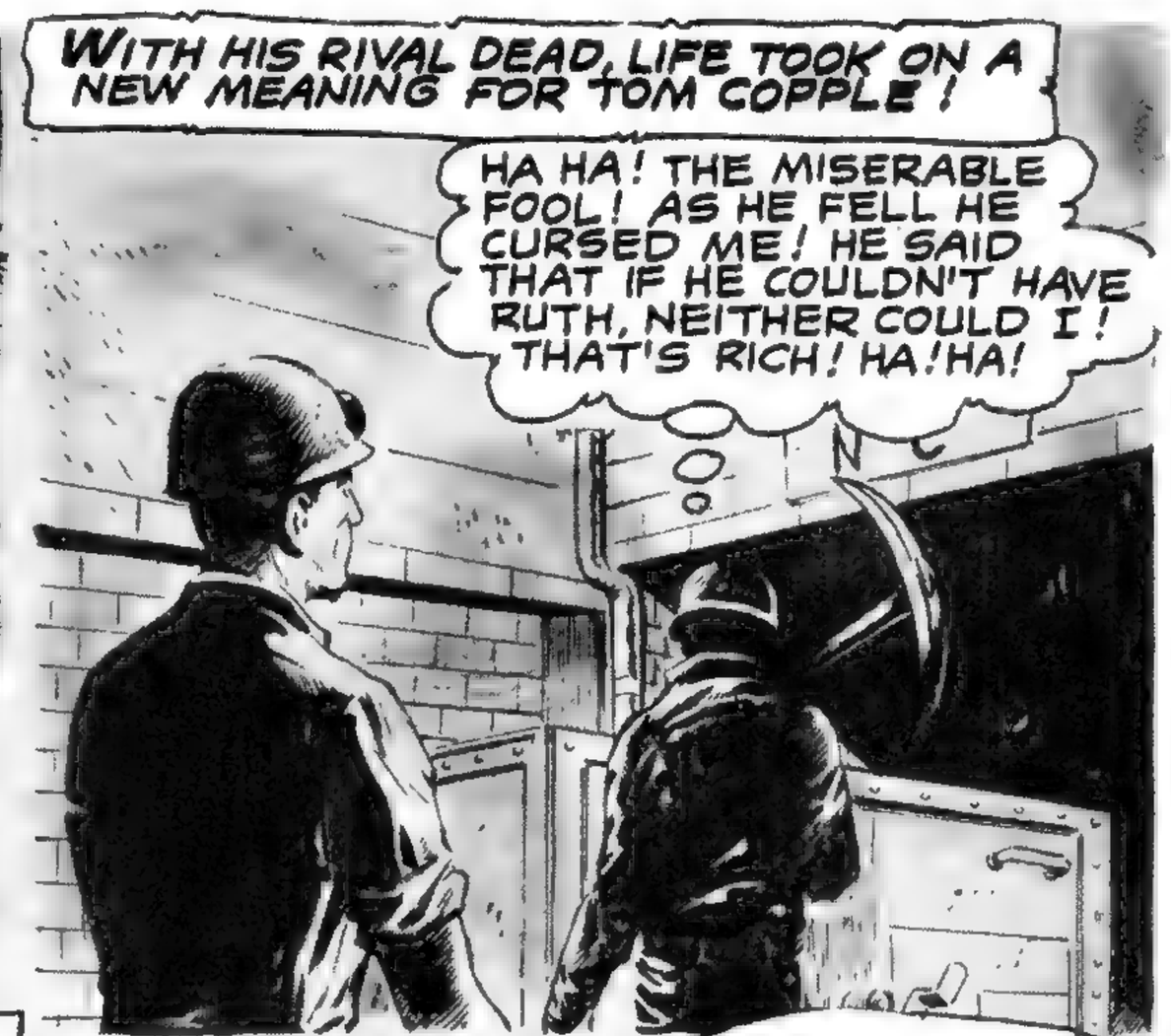
SO... THAT'S IT? THAT'S THE WAY IT STANDS, IS IT? OH, YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, MATTY... YES... YOU'LL PAY!

SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE I EVER LOVED AND YOU TOOK HER FROM ME! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT, MATTY... I SWEAR IT!

LATER THAT NIGHT... MATTY RETURNED TO THE ROOM HE SHARED WITH TOM COPPLE TO FIND TOM READY TO REPORT FOR WORK ON THE LATE SHIFT AT THE MINE...
YOU'RE STILL HERE, TOM?
YES, I'M STILL HERE! I THOUGHT I'D WAIT FOR YOU SO WE COULD WALK TO WORK TOGETHER...

SUDDENLY, FATE TAKES A HAND IN THE CHASE... MATT FALLS INTO AN OLD MINE SHAFT...

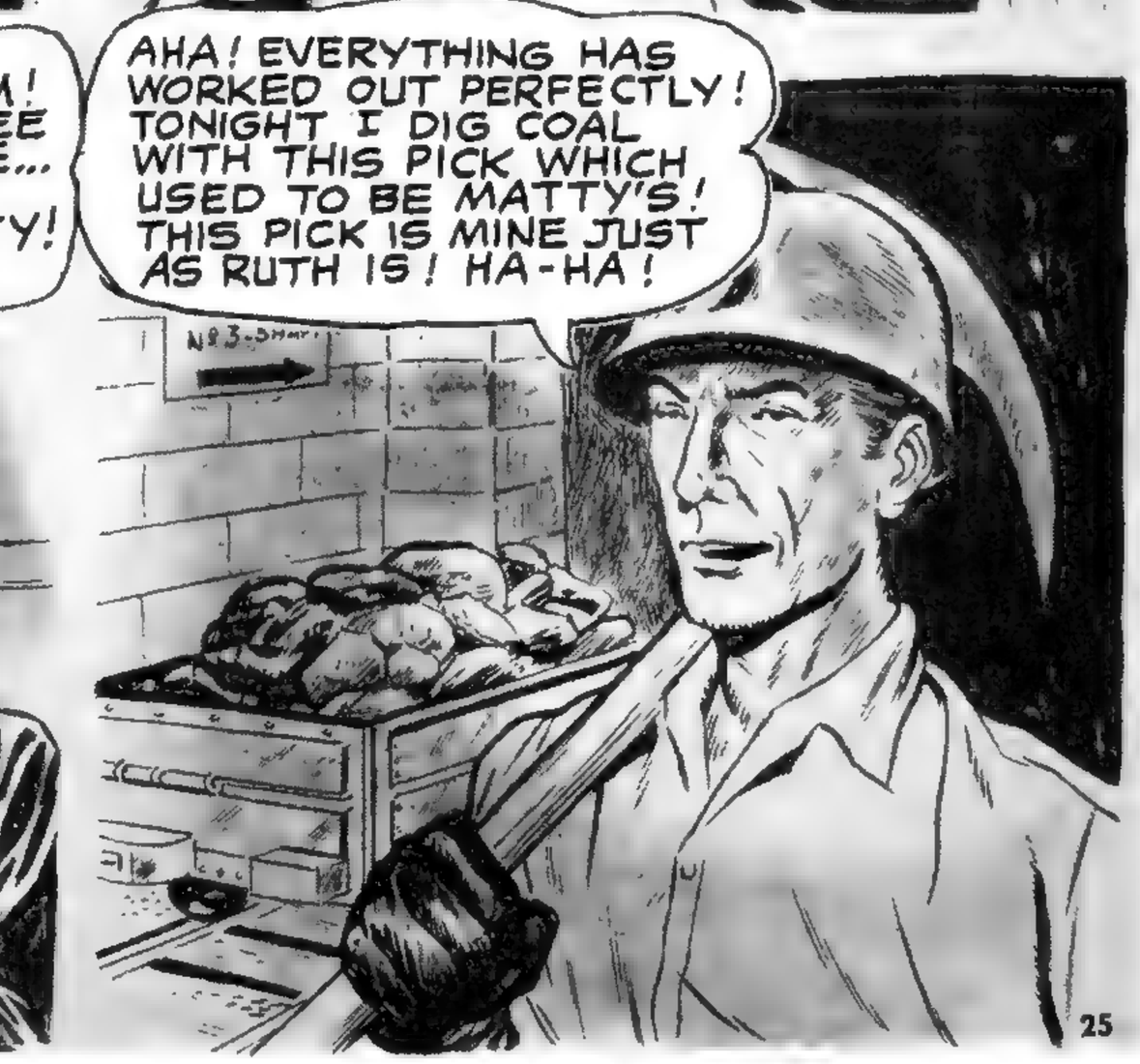
HE'S DEAD! THE FALL TO THE BOTTOM KILLED HIM! EVEN A DEEP GRAVE TO BURY HIM IN! HA-HA-HA!


WITH HIS RIVAL DEAD, LIFE TOOK ON A NEW MEANING FOR TOM COPPLE!
HA HA! THE MISERABLE FOOL! AS HE FELL HE CURSED ME! HE SAID THAT IF HE COULDN'T HAVE RUTH, NEITHER COULD I! THAT'S RICH! HA!HA!

WITH MATTY OUT OF THE WAY, TOM'S PATH TO WINNING THE LOVE OF RUTH WAS SMOOTH! SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...
RUTH, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BREAK DOWN AND MARRY ME?
I... I DON'T KNOW, TOM!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, TOM... HE'D NEVER HAVE DISAPPEARED IF HE CARED!
IS IT THAT YOU STILL THINK OF MATTY? HE WALKED OUT ON YOU, RUTH! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

THEN FORGET HIM AND MARRY ME!
I'LL MARRY YOU, TOM! I NEVER WANT TO SEE MATTY AGAIN! HERE... TAKE THIS PICK! IT BELONGED TO MATTY! I DON'T WANT IT HERE!


AHA! EVERYTHING HAS WORKED OUT PERFECTLY! TONIGHT I DIG COAL WITH THIS PICK WHICH USED TO BE MATTY'S! THIS PICK IS MINE JUST AS RUTH IS! HA-HA!

WONDER WHAT'S EATIN' TOM COPPLE? LOOK AT HIM JAWING TO HIMSELF! LAUGHIN' AN' EVERYTHIN'!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S ENJOYIN' A BIG JOKE!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE WORK SHIFT TO BE OVER SO I CAN GO BACK TO RUTH...

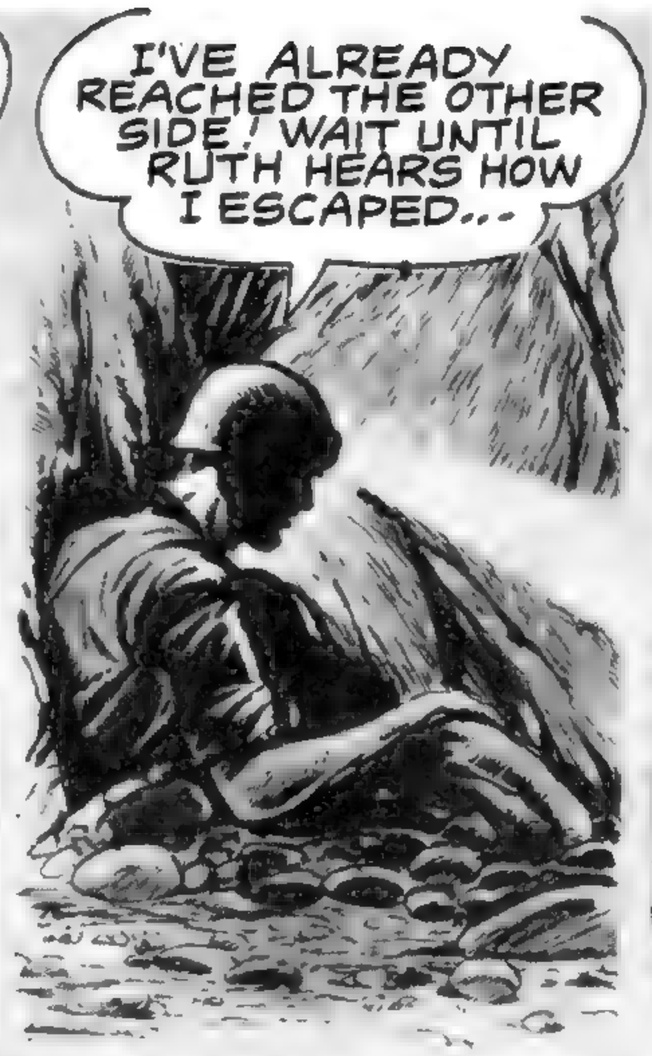
OOPS! THE HEAD OF THE PICK FLEW OFF!
--SMACK INTO THAT ROTTED BEAM!

--N THERE SHE GOES!
THE PICK-HEAD HAS CRACKED THE OVERHEAD BEAM! TH--THE WHOLE CEILING IS GIVING WAY! YAAAAH!

FOR A LONG WHILE TOM LAY UNCONSCIOUS BENEATH THE SHOWER OF ROCK AND COAL... AND THEN HE MOVED...
OOOH! MY HEAD! WHERE AM--I? I REMEMBER NOW--THE HEAD JUMPED OFF MATTY'S PICK... THE BEAM GAVE... AND...

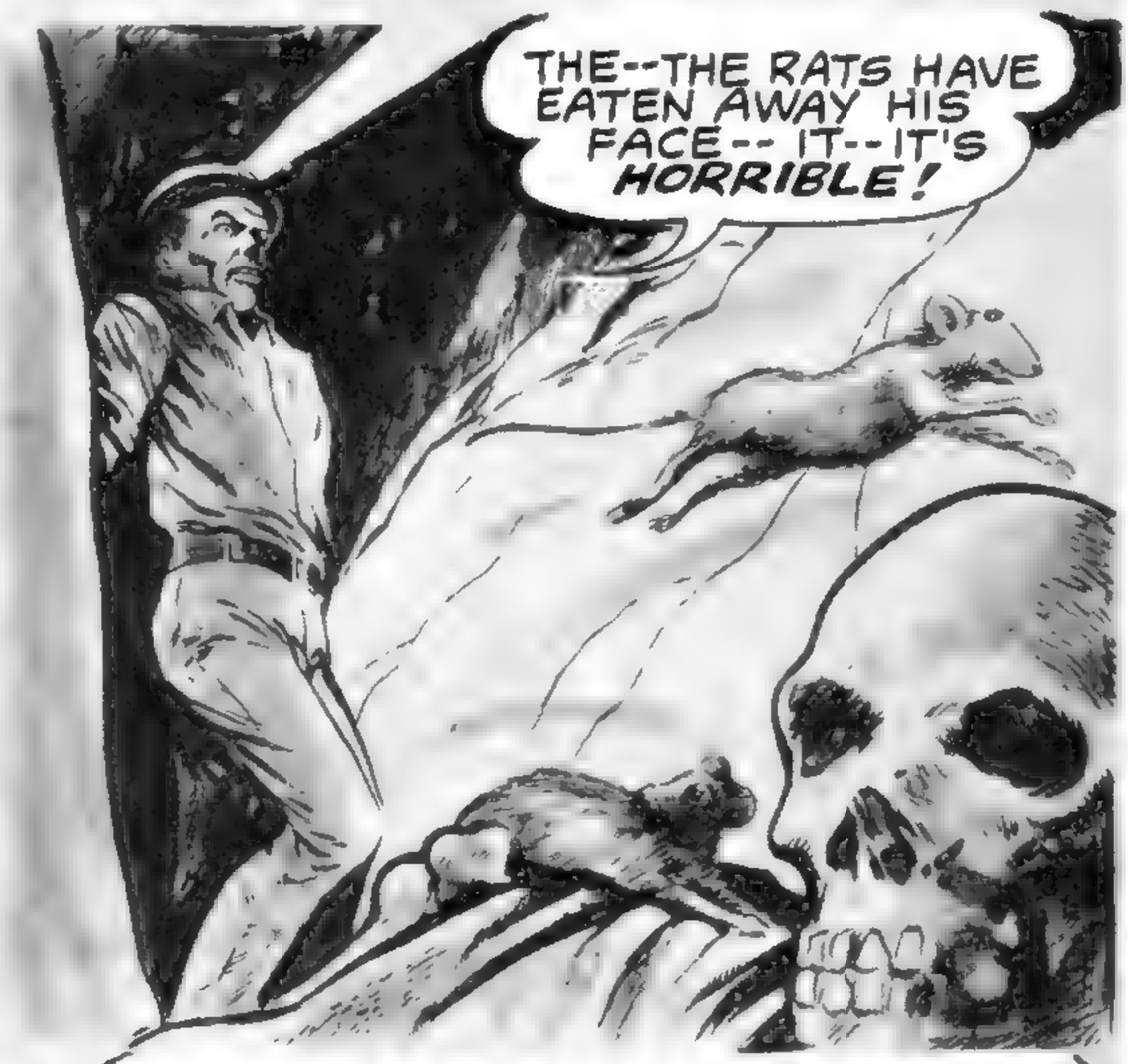
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! THIS CRACK! I CAN FEEL A DRAUGHT THROUGH IT!

THIS FRESH AIR MUST COME FROM THE OUTSIDE SOMEPLACE... THE EARTH IS LOOSE...


I'VE ALREADY REACHED THE OTHER SIDE! WAIT UNTIL RUTH HEARS HOW I ESCAPED...

TOM DID NOT SEE THAT HIS TUNNEL LED...TO THE ABANDONED MINE SHAFT AND THE ROTTING CORPSE OF HIS ONE-TIME RIVAL...

WHY, I MUST BE IN... GOOD LORD! I CAN'T BE HERE WITH HIM! MATTY!


THE--THE RATS HAVE EATEN AWAY HIS FACE-- IT--IT'S HORRIBLE!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND THE ONLY WAY IS UP... I WONDER IF I CAN SCALE THESE ROCKS? I'VE GOT TO TRY IT!

I CAN MAKE IT! HA-HA! WELL, MATTY, OLD CORPSE OLD PAL, THIS SHOULD PROVE THE BETTER MAN-- HEY! I THOUGHT THE BODY MOVED!

EVEN AS TOM LOOKED AT THE CORPSE... AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENED!

CLUMSILY THE THING THAT WAS ONCE THE LIVING BODY OF MATTY BRAW GOT TO ITS MUTILATED STUMPS WHICH SERVED IT FOR FEET! THE GRUESOME THING REACHED FOR TOM COPPLE!

ESCAPE WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR TOM... HE WAS TRAPPED! HIS YELLS BECAME ECHOES, AND THE CURSE OF THE DYING MATTY WOULD BE FULFILLED!

IF I CAN'T HAVE RUTH, MATTY HAD SAID, NEITHER SHALL YOU! AND THE RATS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE OLD MINE SHAFT WATCHED THE AVENGING CORPSE HUG ITS MURDERER! SILENTLY, THEY WAITED FOR THE FEAST...

SATAN'S HORROR

ALDO VON CARL THOUGHT HE COULD OUTSMART THE DEVIL... BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW THE HORRIBLE PENALTY IF HE WAS CAUGHT WHILE TRYING TO...

PLEASE, SATAN...PLEASE ...RELEASE ME FROM THE BARGAIN I MADE!

WHAT? WHEN I GIVE MY WORD, I KEEP IT! YOU HAVE WHAT YOU ASKED FOR... SO WHY COMPLAIN?

OSCAR FRAGA

MANY YEARS AGO, ALDO VON CARL, A YOUNG PEASANT, LOVED A BEWITCHING LASS NAMED ELFREDA.

MARRY ME, ELFREDA?

DON'T BE SILLY, ALDO! WHY MARRY YOU WHEN THE DUKE'S YOUNG SON CAN'T LIVE UNLESS HE SEES ME EVERY DAY?

AS TIME PASSED, ALDO'S LOVE OF ELFREDA AND HATE OF THE DUKE BECAME ONE...

STOP STARING, SERF! YOUR UGLY FACE FRIGHTENS MY HORSES!

ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL FRIGHTEN *YOU* TO DEATH!

...THE YOUNG DUKE SOON TIRED OF ELFREDA, AND FILLED *HER* HEART WITH THE BREW OF HATE!

KILL HIM, ALDO! KILL HIM, AND I'LL BECOME YOUR BRIDE! I PROMISE!

IF I KILL THE YOUNG DUKE... PUNISHMENT WOULD BE SWIFT. YET, THERE'S A WAY ... SHE'S WORTH IT!
IT'S A BARGAIN, ELFREDA... AND REMEMBER... YOU KEEP YOUR WORD
YES, ALDO... I'LL KEEP MY WORD!
THAT NIGHT, ALDO SET OUT TO MAKE ANOTHER BARGAIN... AND HIS WAY LED TO THE HUT OF MOTHER GEBLUDE A KNOWN WITCH!
GOOD EVEN DAME GEBLUDE! SUMMON YOUR MASTER! I WOULD MAKE A BARGAIN WITH HIM!
REMEMBER... A BARGAIN WITH MY MASTER WILL COST YOU YOUR SOUL!
I KNOW! BUT HE'LL WAIT A LONG TIME FOR MY SOUL! DID YOU EVER THINK THAT THERE ARE MEN WHO ARE SMARTER THAN THE DEVIL!
MAYBE THERE ARE ...BUT I'VE YET TO SEE ONE.
BLOOD OF LIVING FAT OF DEAD, EYES FROM THE SCREECHING OWLS HEAD, CRAWLING SERPENTS FROM OOZING MIRE... COME MY MASTER ...THROUGH WATER AND FIRE!
YOU WHO HAVE SUMMONED ME... I WILL GRANT ANY FAVOR YOU ASK PROVIDED YOUR SOUL IS MINE AFTER YOU DIE. AGREED?
I AGREE... AND MY FAVOR IS A SIMPLE ONE... I ASK TO LIVE FOREVER!
YOU CAN HAVE MY SOUL AFTER I DIE... BUT I'LL NEVER DIE! A GOOD BARGAIN, EH, MASTER DEVIL!
A GOOD BARGAIN... BUT YOU'LL SPEND ALL ETERNITY REGRETTING IT! FOOL, YOU HAVE GAINED NOTHING...

FOR ELFREDA AND ME, YOU HIGH BORN FOOL!
HE...HE'S KILLING THE YOUNG DUKE! HE MUST BE MAD!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR VENGEANCE!
IS FOREVER LONG?

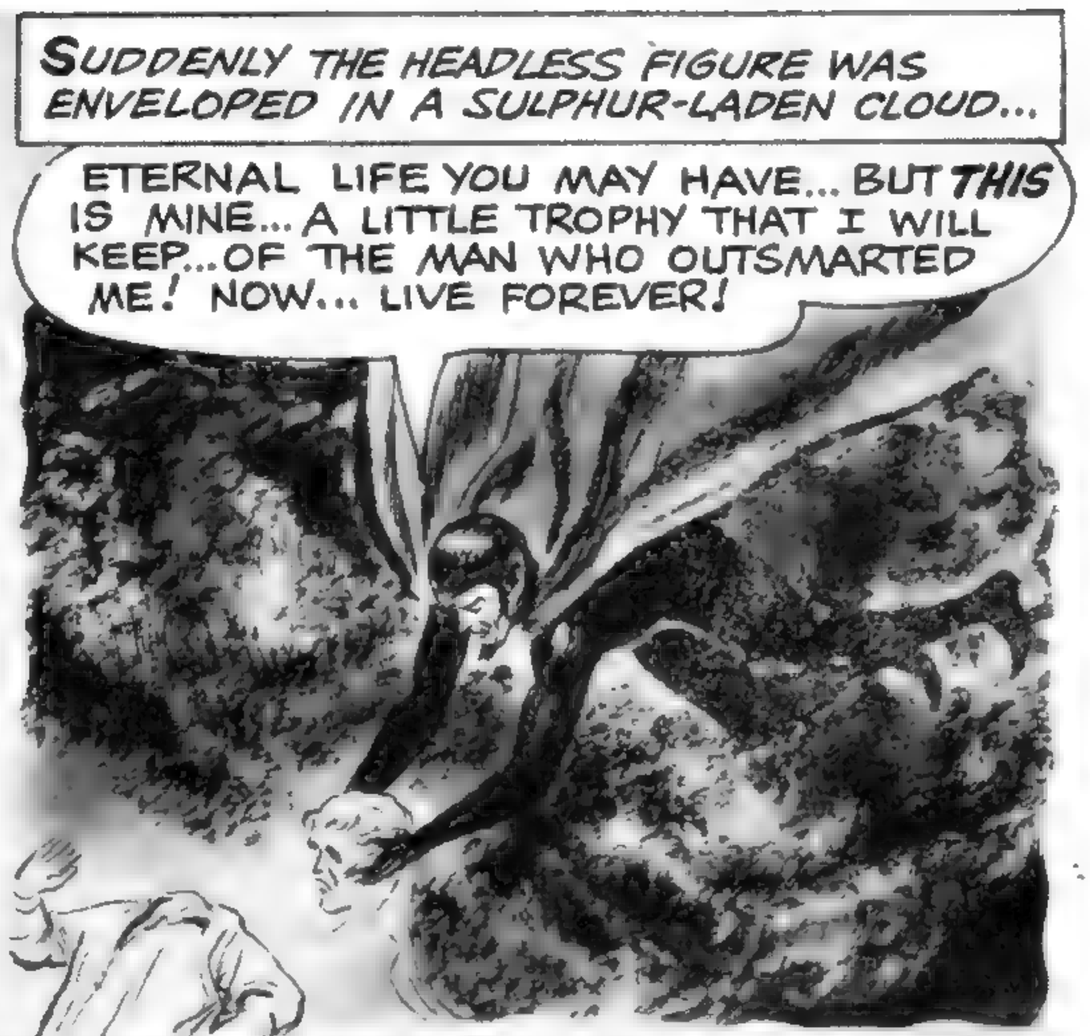
YOUR SWORDS CAN'T HURT ME! NOTHING CAN HURT ME! I'LL NEVER DIE... NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO!
AFTER HIM!

ALDO WAS CAPTURED BY THE GUARDS, AND SENTENCED TO BE BEHEADED BUT HE LAUGHED AT THE SENTENCE...
YOUR SWORD CAN'T HARM ME!

THE PONDEROUS BLOW FELL AND ALDO'S HEAD TUMBLED TO THE GROUND! AND YET...
THERE'S NO BLOOD ...NO BLOOD!
AND LOOK THE WOUND... IT...IT'S HEALED OVER!

ALDO'S TRUNCATED BODY REACHED GRUESOMELY FOR THE FALLEN HEAD, AND...
ELFREDA! REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE!
AAAAHH!

ELFREDA! YOU... MUST... BE... MY... BRIDE!
AAGGHH!


SUDDENLY THE HEADLESS FIGURE WAS ENVELOPED IN A SULPHUR-LADEN CLOUD...
ETERNAL LIFE YOU MAY HAVE... BUT THIS IS MINE... A LITTLE TROPHY THAT I WILL KEEP... OF THE MAN WHO OUTSMARTED ME! NOW... LIVE FOREVER!

THE CLOUD LIFTED AND...
HE... HE CAN'T HURT US NOW! QUICK... GET THE ROPES!

AT THE EDGE OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWOLD IS A DEEP PIT... SOME SAY IT LEAD TO HELL ITSELF!
HE BELONGS TO THE DEVIL... LET THE DEVIL KEEP HIM!
HE'LL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF THE SKY AGAIN!

THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE SWORN THEY HAVE SEEN ALDO AGAIN... GROPING... BLINDLY... SEEKING... AND THOUGH NO ONE SLEEPS IN BRUNSWOLD BEHIND UNBARRED DOORS, THERE IS ONE WHO NEVER SLEEPS, FOR SHE REMEMBERS A PROMISE!
The END

A RUMBLING THUNDER SHOOK THE COOL, GREEN-BLUE WATER AND REGURGITATED THE MURKY FROTH INTO STINGING SPRAY. AND OUT OF ITS BUBBLING DEPTHS ROSE THE HORRIBLE VOLCANIC INFERNO THAT HAD COME TO CLAIM NEW VICTIMS LURING THEM TO THE...

ISLE OF DEMONS

THE SCIENTISTS WERE, ON THE SPOT! AN ISLAND BURSTING FROM HIDDEN, MYSTERIOUS DEPTHS COULDN'T ESCAPE DETECTION FOR LONG...
THERE IT IS, GENTLEMEN! INCREDIBLE! A SCENE OUT OF DANTE'S *INFERNO*! AS IF WE ARE POISED ON THE GATES OF HELL!
I DON'T LIKE THIS, STANTON! THE AUTHORITIES ONLY ALLOWED US TO VIEW THE ISLAND -- NOT LAND ON IT!
NONSENSE, WILLIAMS! DON'T BE SO JUMPY, MAN! WE'LL JUST STAY A FEW MINUTES!

MOMENTS LATER, THE PLANE LANDED AND THE SCIENTIFIC GROUP MADE PREPARATIONS TO EXPLORE THE NEWLY-BORN ISLAND! AS THE FOUL-SMELLING VAPORS ISSUED FORTH, THE SENSE OF MYSTERY DEEPENED...
IT'S WRONG, STANTON! I HAVE A STRANGE PREMONITION!
DON'T BE A FOOL! I GIVE THE ORDERS HERE!

YOU'RE COMING WITH US! LOOK -- THIS IS THE FIND OF THE DECADE! LOOK, MAN -- *LOOK!*

AND THERE... THEN... THEY SAW THE *TOWER!*
GOOD LORD! WHO WOULD EVER BELIEVE IT? IT'S SOME SORT OF BUILDING SUNK INTO THIS BLACKENED MUD AND SLUDGE!
--A LOST CIVILIZATION THAT MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE TO MANKIND'S ORIGIN!

BUT AS THEY TALKED IN AWE... AN OMINOUS SOUND MADE THEM WHIRL AROUND IN HORROR...
AIIE! THE PLANE... IT'S SINKING INTO THE MUD! *HELP!*
TOO LATE! STAY BACK OR WE'LL BE SUCKED INTO THAT QUAGMIRE, TOO!

WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LANDED! I TOLD YOU! OHHH... WE'LL ALL DIE HERE!
NO ONE'S GOING TO DIE, WILLIAMS! SNAP OUT OF IT! THE AUTHORITIES KNOW WE'RE HERE! THEY'LL SEND A RESCUE PLANE WITHIN THE HOUR!

WELL... WHAT SHALL WE DO? WE'RE STRANDED HERE!
USE YOUR HEAD! THIS WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO EXPLORE FURTHER! FOLLOW ME!

BUT AS THE MEN APPROACHED, A DARK SHADOW OF HORRIBLE MEANING SLUNK DEEPER INTO THE BLACKNESS OF THE DRIPPING WALLS...
WILLIAMS MIGHT BE RIGHT, STANTON! THERE'S AN AIR OF BROODING THAT HANGS OVER THIS PLACE! HEAVEN KNOWS HOW LONG THIS ISLAND HAS BEEN UNDER WATER!
LOOK... THERE'S ANOTHER CHAMBER INSIDE!

GREAT SCOTT! GOLD!
GOLD! HA-HA... WE'RE RICH! THE IDOLS... THE DECORATIONS... THEY'RE ALL GOLD! THERE'S MILLIONS HERE... MILLIONS!
BUT WHY, STANTON? WHY IS THIS TOWER HERE? WHAT IS IT? WHO WERE THE PEOPLE WHO BUILT IT?
THAT'S NOT IN OUR PROVINCE TO FIND OUT! WE'RE ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCOVERING IT... AND THE TREASURE! LET THE ARCHEOLOGISTS DIG OUT THE SECRETS!

ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS HOW MUCH GOLD IS HERE...
AND IF THERE'S MORE OF IT! THIS IDOL FOR INSTANCE ...IT'S SOLID GOLD!

NO SOONER HAD STANTON CRUSHED THE IDOL TO PIECES, A STRANGE, THROBBING SOUND, FOLLOWED BY AN EERIE WAILING ISSUED FORTH FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE TOWER...
OOOOEEEOOEEH! THEY HAVE BLASPHEMED AGAINST US! RISE, BROTHERS, RISE! OOOOEEEOOEEH!

OOOOEEEOOEEH! THEY HAVE DESTROYED OUR OFFERINGS TO THE TOWER! THEY HAVE CURSED OUR FATES! LET THEM JOIN US NOW-- IN ETERNAL MISERY!

YA-A-A!! LET ME OUT OF HERE!

W-WHAT ARE THEY? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE!

DEVILS FROM THE DEEP-- THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE! DON'T YOU KNOW WHERE **WE** ARE? THE INSCRIPTIONS...THE DECORATIONS... WE'RE IN THE *TOWER OF BABEL!*

NOW THE MEN HAD BUT ONE THOUGHT... TO FLEE FROM THE NIGHTMARISH SCOURGE THAT PURSUED THEM... FLEE FOR THEIR VERY LIVES!

OOOOEEEOOEEH! HASTEN, BROTHERS! BEHOLD! ONE STUMBLES! GOOD-- HE SHALL JOIN US!

AIEEE!

YAAAGGHH!
COME, MORTAL! YOU ARE NOW ONE OF US! WELCOME, WELCOME INTO OUR FOLD!

AAAARRRGGH! THE GROUND'S OPENING UP UNDER ME! AAIIEEEE!

ONLY STANTON WAS LEFT! GASPING, PANTING, HE EMERGED FROM THE TOWER -- TOO FRIGHTENED TO THINK -- TOO TERRIFIED TO REMAIN...
GASP, GASP... I'M FREE! MADE IT! HA, HA... I'M FREE! THEY'LL NEVER FOLLOW ME OUT HERE! WILLIAMS, BARLOW, EVANS -- ALL GONE! ONLY I'M LEFT...

THE GROUND -- IT'S CHANGING -- UNDULATING! NO -- NO! PLEASE --! IT CAN'T BE! FIGURES ARE COMING OUT OF THE MUD! THEY'RE...
ALIVE! EVERY-THING'S ALIVE!

COME, MORTAL! YOU ARE NOW ALONE! WHAT CAN YOUR PUNY EXISTENCE OFFER YOU? JOIN US FOR ALL ETERNITY! JOIN US IN DEATH!
N-NO! DON'T TOUCH ME! STAY AWAY FROM ME!

I'LL -- I'LL KILL YOU ALL! DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP! I'M WARNING YOU!

AAARRGH!
HA... HA! SO YOU CAN BE HURT! GOOD! I'VE GOT OVER A DOZEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION! I'LL KILL YOU ALL! STAY BACK!

FOR ALMOST AN HOUR STANTON HELD THE CREATURES OF ETERNAL DEATH AT BAY... BUT NOW ANOTHER HORROR--MORE DANGEROUS AND MENACING HAD ARISEN...
THE ISLAND-- IT'S SINKING BACK INTO THE WATER!

YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, MORTAL? YOU CANNOT CONQUER THE UNKNOWN! YOUR PUNY WEAPONS HAVE ONLY PROLONGED THE INEVITABLE! WELCOME NOW! WELCOME!
YAAAAH!

THE WATERS ROLLED OVER HIM AND DRAGGED HIM DOWN! HE SCREAMED UNTIL THE MUD AND THE LAVA, AND THE SEA FILLED HIS LUNGS-- AND DOWN HE WENT... TO JOIN THE HORDES OF DEATH FOREVER...
...FOR HE HAD STUMBLED ONTO THE ISLE OF THE DOOMED-- GATEWAY TO HELL!!
The End

THE CORPSE MACABRE

WHEN **DEATH** COMES FOR THE **GUILTY** THERE IS NO TURNING BACK FROM THE **BECKONING GRAVE**, THE **ENDLESS** DARKNESS, THE **FESTERING** HORRORS! THE PULSE **QUICKENS**... THE HEART BEATS **FASTER** AT THE **FEARFUL** SIGHT OF...

CAROLYN!! STAY **AWAY** FROM ME! DIDN'T I GIVE YOU THE **ROOM** YOU WANTED?

AT THE PRICE OF MY ***LIFE***!! THE DEAD SPIRITS OF MY FAMILY WILL **AVENGE** ME!

IN THE BEDROOM OF THE WEALTHY DUNNS, THE HUSBAND SPEAKS WITH THE FAMILY DOCTOR-- AND LEARNS A ***SHOCKING*** TRUTH ABOUT HIS WIFE ---

AN *INVALID*! AND ALL THE *MONEY* IS HERS!-- THE INHERITANCE OF HER FAMILY BURIED IN THE *TOMB*!! IF SHE WERE *DEAD*---

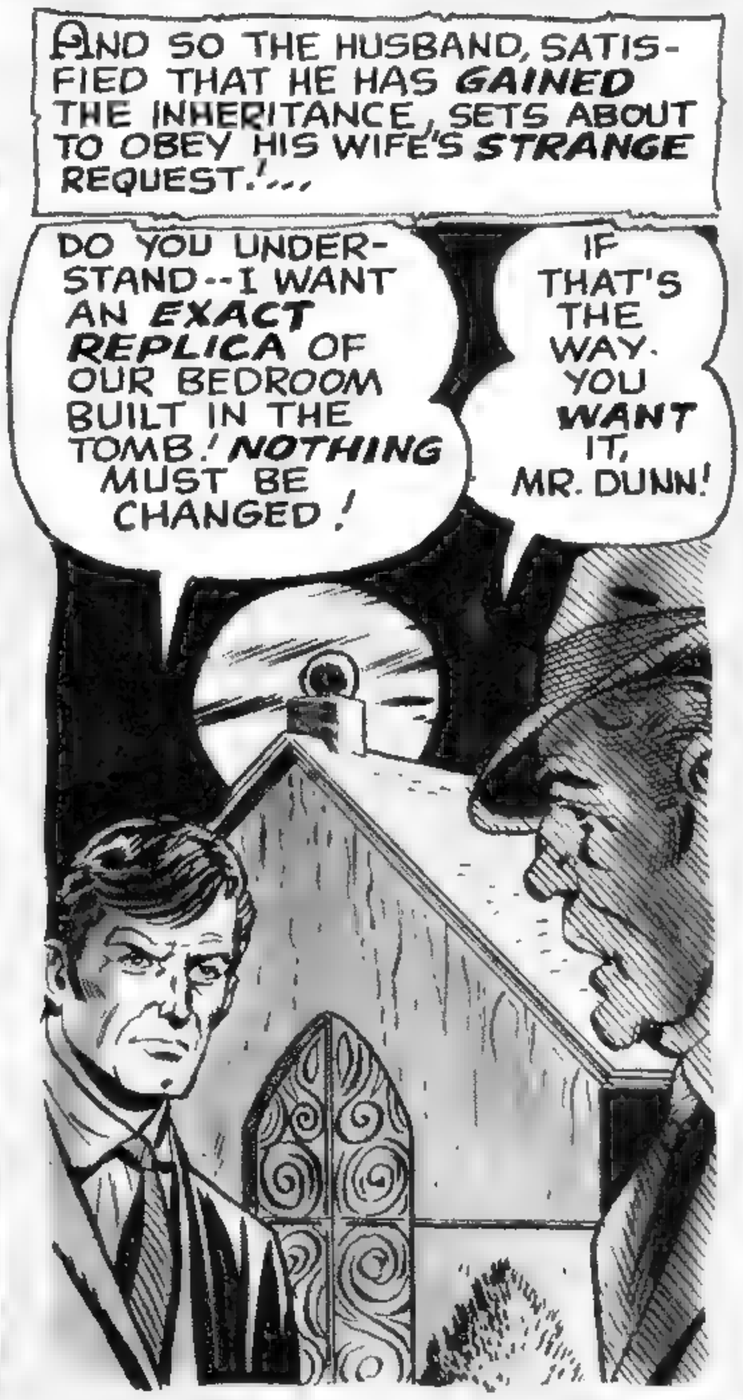
AND AS THE WEEKS PASS, THE THOUGHT OF *VIOLENT DEATH* BECOMES MUCH MORE REAL--AND MUCH MORE *IMMEDIATE* UNTIL IT BECOMES A *MALIGNANT OBSESSION* IN THE MIND OF THE INVALID'S HUSBAND...
I LOVE THIS ROOM, MILO! I DON'T EVEN MIND BEING HERE-- DAY AFTER DAY!
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T *STAY* HERE ANY LONGER-- FOR NOW YOU MUST--

--DIE!!
WARGGHH!

I MUST FIND HER *WILL* NOW! SHE MUST HAVE LEFT THE ENTIRE ESTATE TO *ME*!-- BUT I'VE GOT TO BE *SURE*!

WHERE COULD SHE HAVE HIDDEN IT? AH, HERE IT IS!

"WHEN I AM DEAD, I WISH TO BE BURIED IN FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, AMID THE THINGS I LOVED. AND YET I WISH TO SLEEP AMONGST MY FAMILY IN THE TOMB!"...


AND SO THE HUSBAND, SATISFIED THAT HE HAS GAINED THE INHERITANCE, SETS ABOUT TO OBEY HIS WIFE'S STRANGE REQUEST!...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND--I WANT AN EXACT REPLICA OF OUR BEDROOM BUILT IN THE TOMB! NOTHING MUST BE CHANGED!
IF THAT'S THE WAY. YOU WANT IT, MR. DUNN!

AFTER LEAVING THE CONTRACTOR, THE HUSBAND RETURNED TO THE BEDROOM TO GAZE ONCE MORE AT THE MACABRE CORPSE OF HIS WIFE...

SOME TIME LATER...
HERE IS MY GIFT-IN-DEATH FOR YOU, MY DEAR! YOUR ANCESTORS REST BESIDE YOU---AND YOU ARE IN YOUR BELOVED ROOM!

TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, YOU SPIRITS OF THE TOMB!! HA... HA...HA!

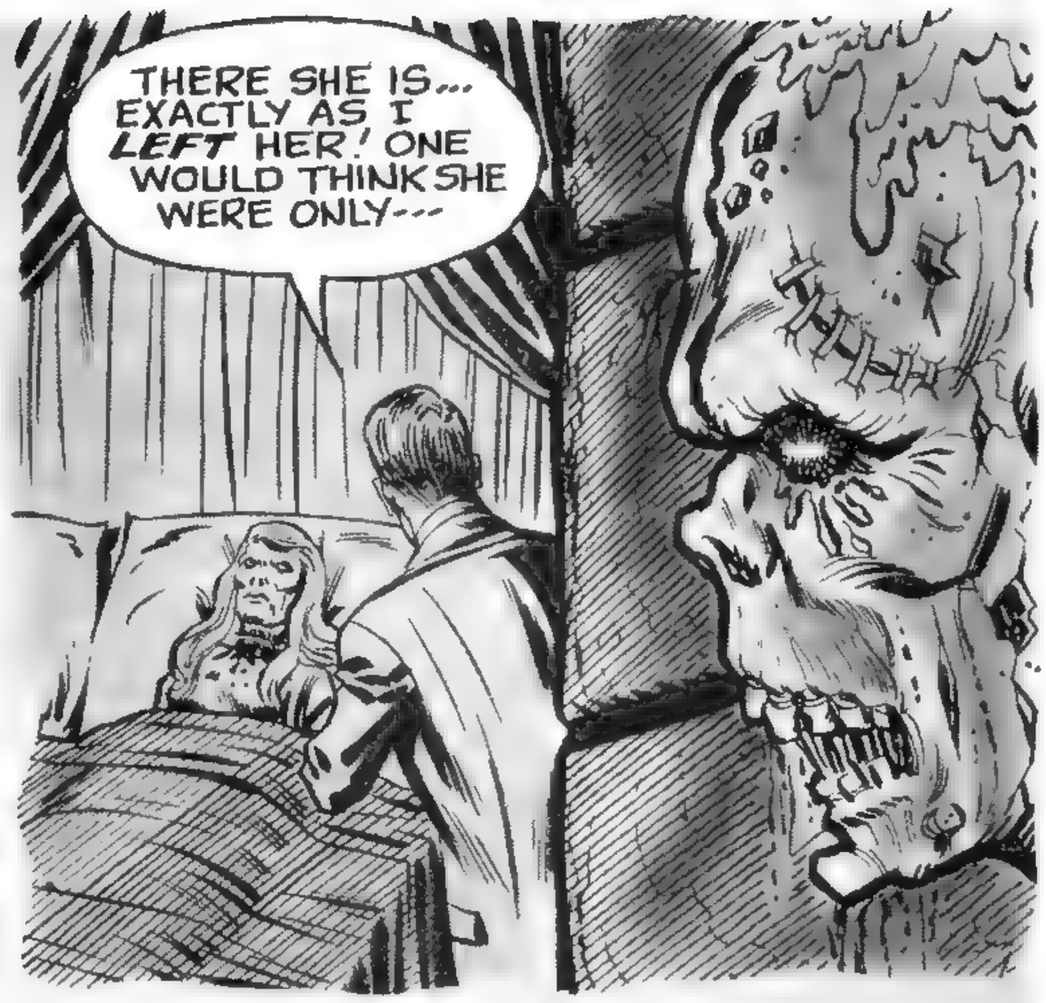
A MOMENT LATER, WITHIN THE DEATHLY SILENCE OF THE TOMB, A LIFELESS FIGURE BEGINS TO STIR--AND THE CHILL OF ETERNAL SLEEP BEGINS TO DISAPPEAR!...
WH-- WHERE-- AM... I... ??

THIS ROOM---IT'S MINE AND YET---TH-THE AXE!! MILO THINKS HE'S KILLED ME AND LEFT ME HERE FOR DEAD!

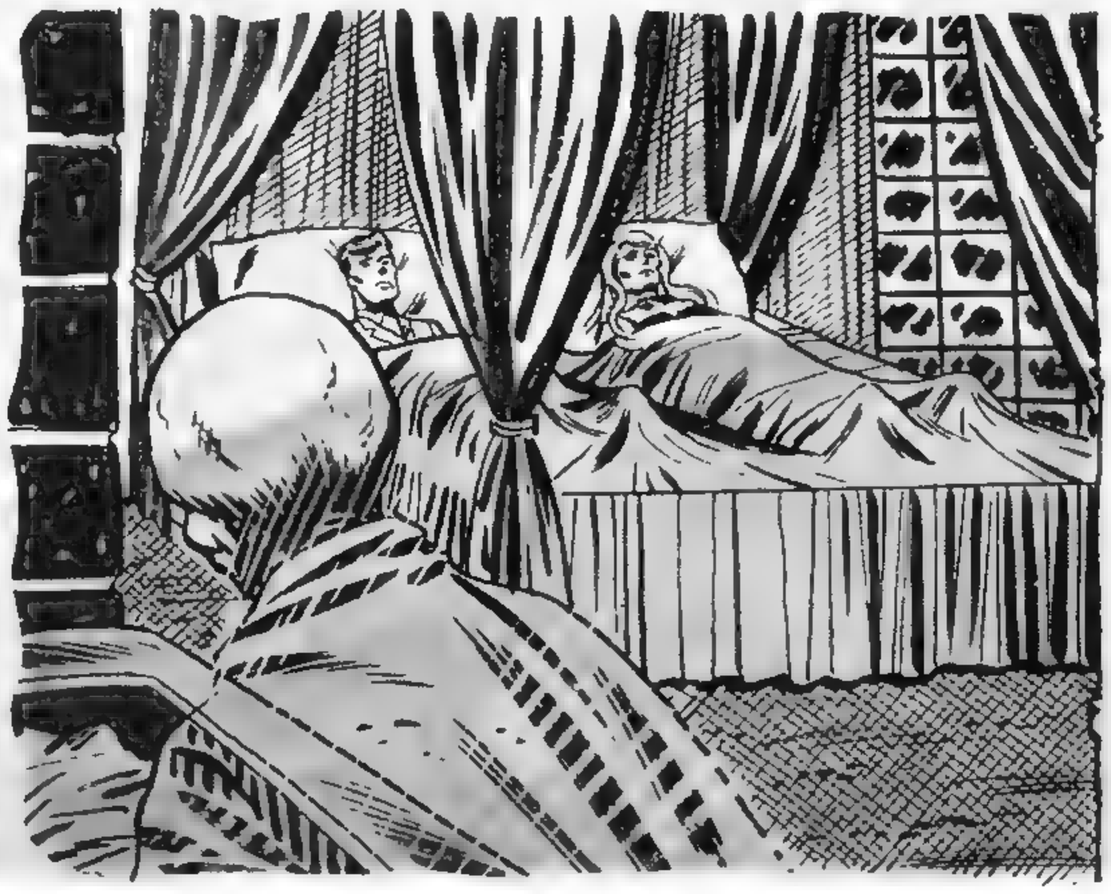
LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT!! I'M NOT DEAD! I CAN'T LIVE WITH THE DEAD!

I MUST STAY HERE UNTIL MILO'S CURIOUSITY FORCES HIM TO RETURN -- BUT, WHEN HE DOES, I WILL BE PREPARED TO GREET HIM! BUT WILL MY LOVING HUSBAND BE GLAD TO SEE ME? HA-HA-HA!

SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, THE HUSBAND APPEARS AT THE TOMB, DRAWN THERE BY A *SILENT* BUT *FRIGHTENING* FORCE HE CANNOT EXPLAIN!



CONFRONTED BY THE WALKING SHROUD THAT WAS ONCE HIS WIFE, MILO RUSHES IN *PANIC* FROM THE *DEADLY* ROOM *HE* GREEDILY CREATED!

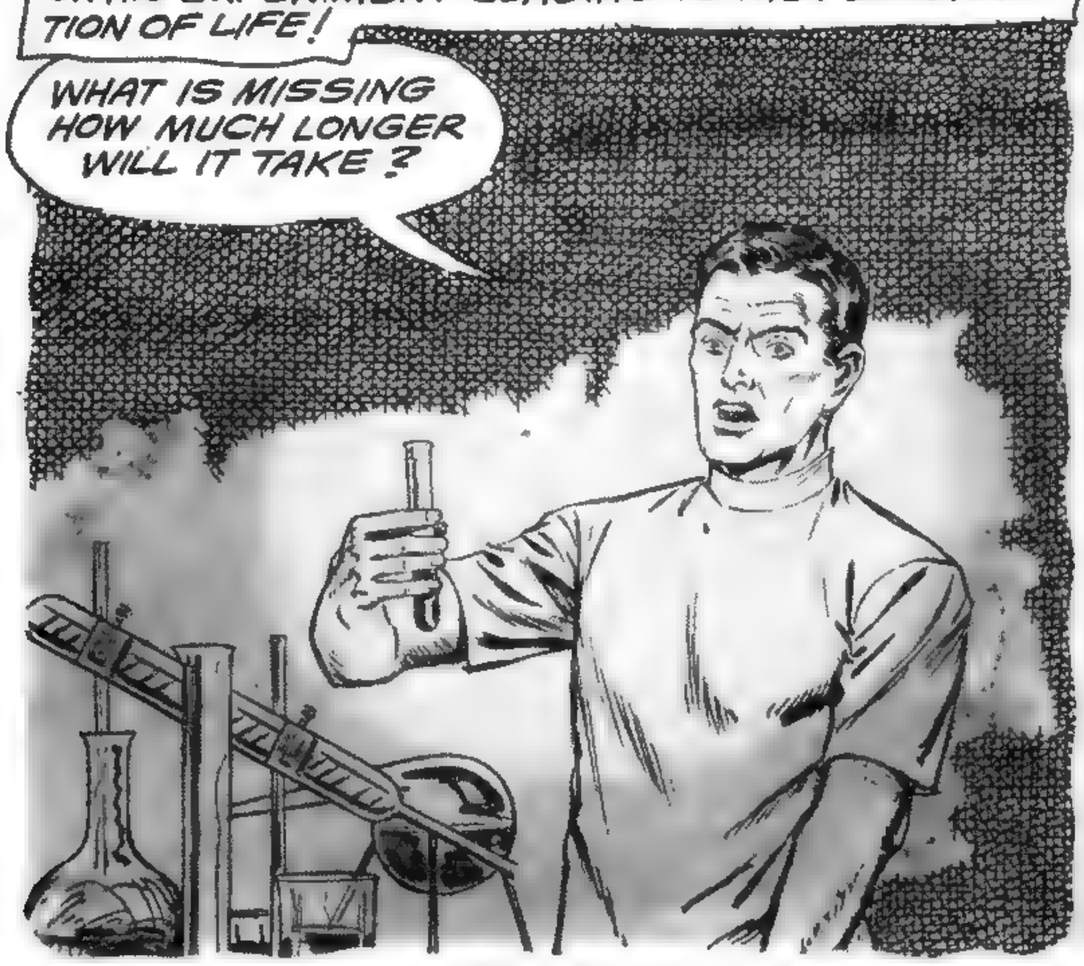


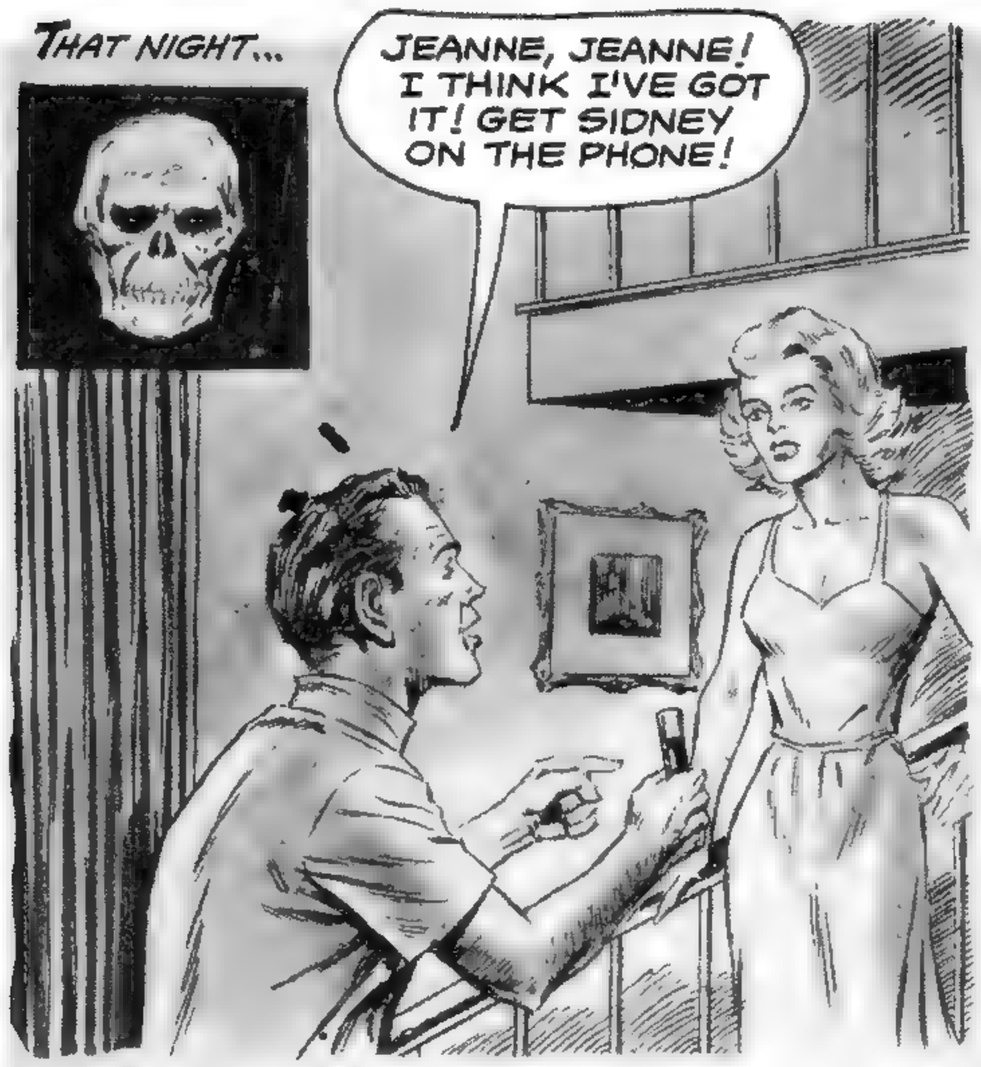
AND AS THE DEAD RETURN TO THEIR COFFINS, THE WIFE RETURNS TO HER LIFE-IN-DEATH, JOINING THE CORPSE OF HER HUSBAND IN THAT TIMELESS WORLD FROM WHICH THERE IS NO RETURN!

...the END...

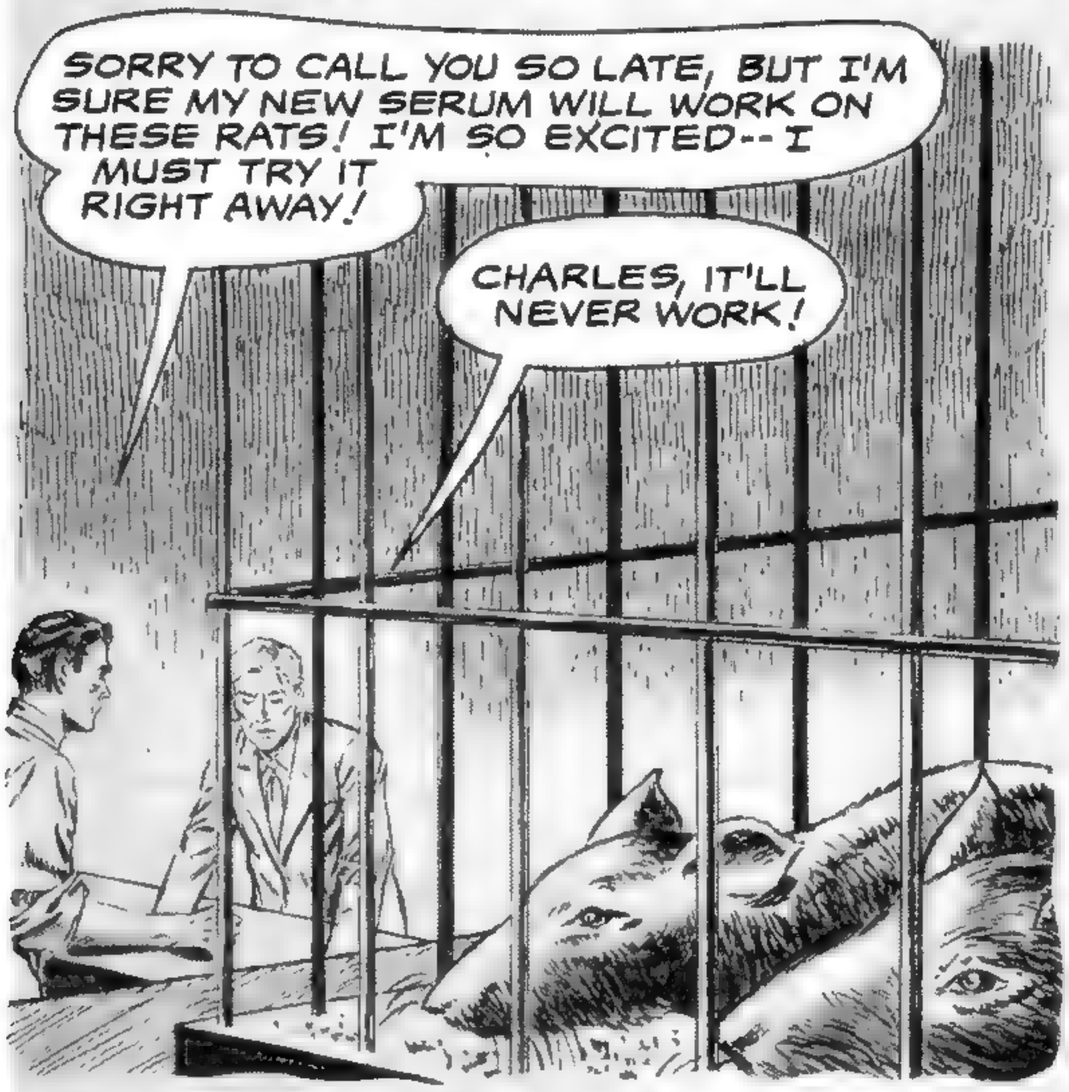
HE CALLED CHARLES A FOOL! BUT WHEN BECKER SAW THE CORPSE RISE UP, ALIVE, HE KNEW CHARLE'S EXPERIMENT HAD WORKED! AND SIDNEY COULDN'T ESCAPE THE LIVING DEAD IN...

THE ZOMBIES CAVE




THAT NIGHT...
JEANNE, JEANNE! I THINK I'VE GOT IT! GET SIDNEY ON THE PHONE!

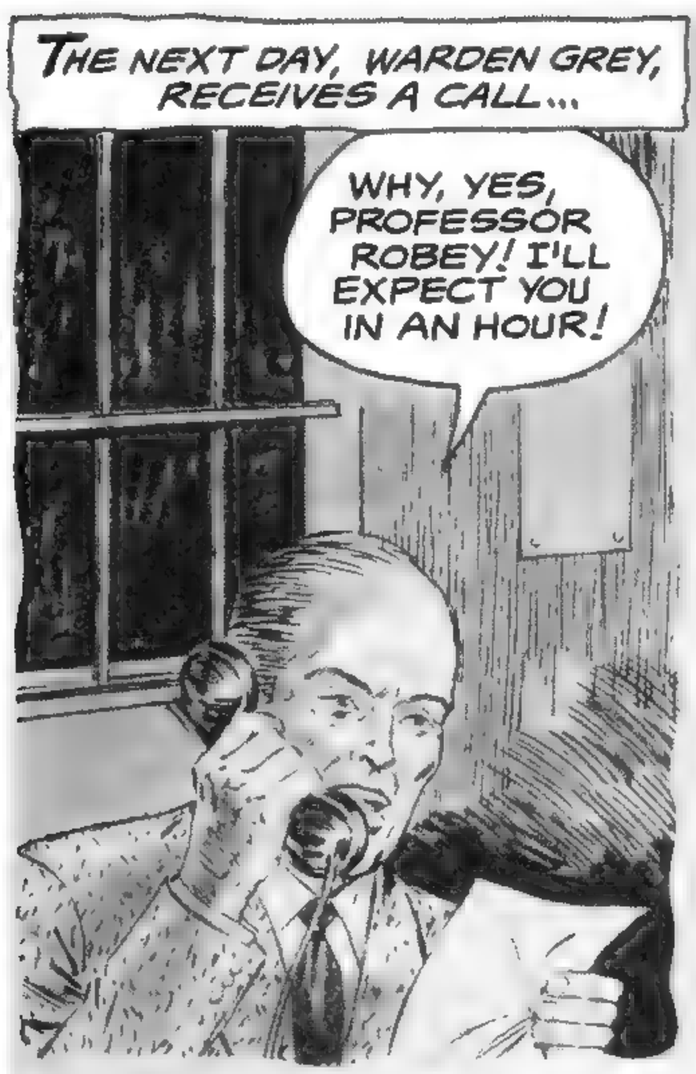
COME RIGHT OVER, SIDNEY, I THINK IT'S GOING TO WORK ANY MINUTE!
BUT IT'S MIDNIGHT-- OKAY, YOU'RE THE BOSS, I'LL BE OVER!


SORRY TO CALL YOU SO LATE, BUT I'M SURE MY NEW SERUM WILL WORK ON THESE RATS! I'M SO EXCITED-- I MUST TRY IT RIGHT AWAY!
CHARLES, IT'LL NEVER WORK!

HOURS LATER...
THAT'S-- THAT'S PATTERING FEET! THE RATS THEY'RE ALIVE!
SIDNEY, COME QUICKLY! DO YOU HEAR THAT?

THEY'RE ALIVE!
THINK WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO MANKIND!

I'VE GOT TO TEST THIS ON HUMANS!
WHY NOT GET VOLUNTEERS FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY!


THE NEXT DAY, WARDEN GREY, RECEIVES A CALL...
WHY, YES, PROFESSOR ROBEY! I'LL EXPECT YOU IN AN HOUR!

WISH ME LUCK!
BEST OF LUCK, HONEY!

... SO, WARDEN GREY, IF VOLUNTEERS WILL LET ME INJECT THIS SERUM, BEFORE EXECUTION, I BELIEVE THEY'LL COME BACK TO LIFE!
WAIT HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU AN ANSWER SHORTLY!

...YES, I UNDERSTAND GOVERNOR WHITE, THE ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTISTS DOES NOT ENDORSE IT!
--CRACKPOT!!

MEANWHILE...
THOSE RATS WERE AN ACCIDENT! CHARLES WILL ALWAYS BE A FAILURE, JEANNE! YOU AND I...
DON'T TOUCH ME... EVER!

I'LL SHOW HIM! THAT SERUM WILL NEVER WORK ON HUMANS!
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS OF CHARLES!

WHAT HAPPENED, DEAR?
THEY TURNED ME DOWN! THINK I'M A CRACKPOT!

A FEW DAYS LATER...
AN EXPEDITION TO THE SALT MINES OF PERU! THEY USED TO THROW THE PRISONERS INTO THE SALT PITS TO DIE--
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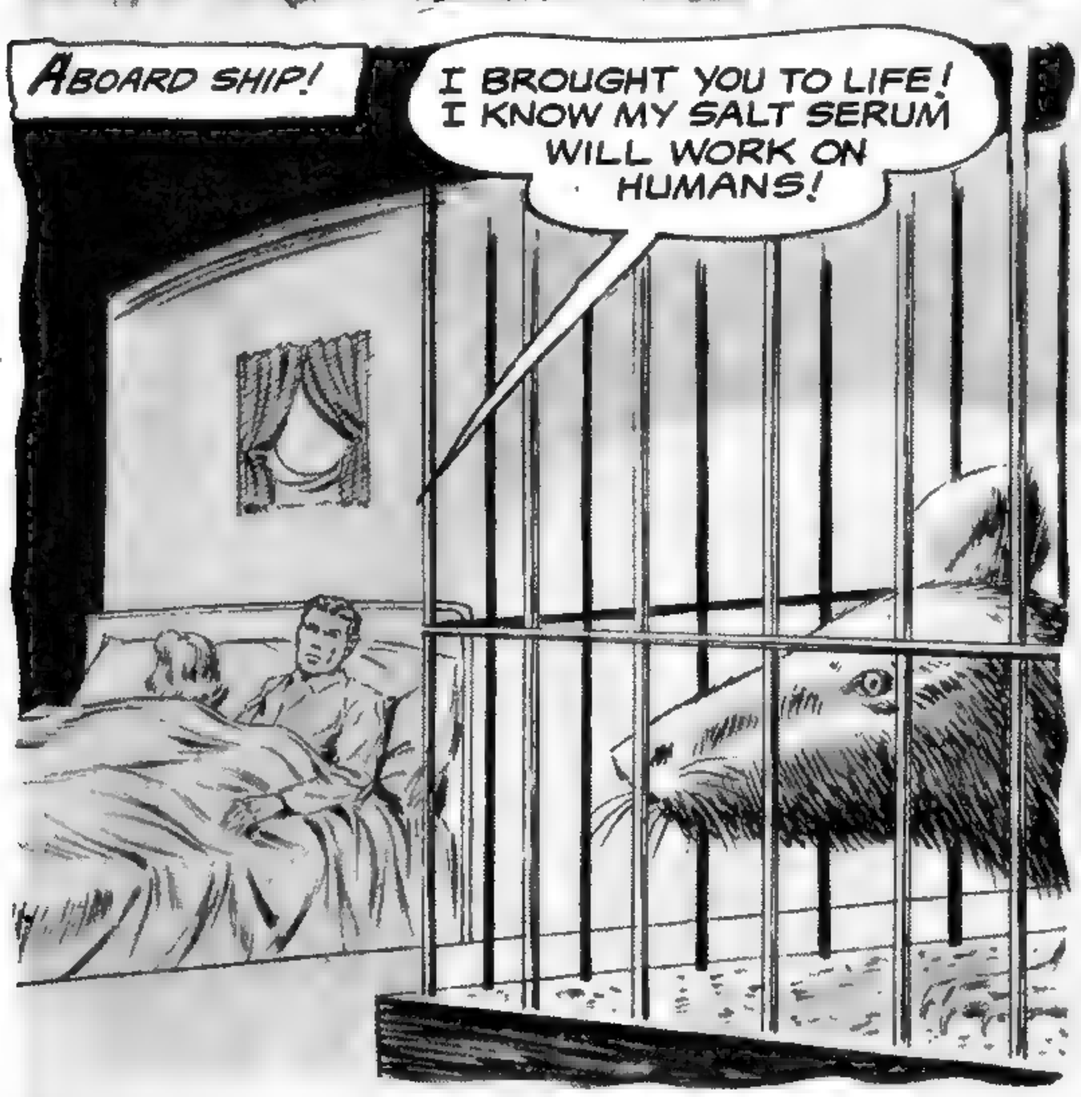
SIDNEY, WE'RE GOING TO PERU, TO FIND THE ANCIENT PRISONERS BURIED IN THE SALT MINES! I MUST TRY MY SERUM THERE!
JUST A WASTE OF TIME!


ABOARD SHIP!
I BROUGHT YOU TO LIFE! I KNOW MY SALT SERUM WILL WORK ON HUMANS!

AT LAST WE'RE HERE! LET'S GET TO WORK!
CHARLES, IT'S A FOOLS ERRAND!

EE-OW! LOOKEE! SEE-SEE!!

THIS IS IT! THE PRISONERS BURIAL GROUND!

SIDNEY, WE'LL INJECT THEM ALL!
SO HE REALLY THINKS THESE CORPSES WILL COME TO LIFE! HA, HA!

THEN SIDNEY FOUND A NEW INTEREST, HE SUDDENLY CAME UPON A CHEST!
MY GOD, LOOK AT THIS GOLD-- JEWELS! WE'RE RICH!
DON'T BE A FOOL! THAT TREASURE MUST BE TURNED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT!

CHARLES WORKED ON HIS SERUM WITHOUT RESULTS!!
THE SERUM WORKED ON RATS! WHAT DOES IT NEED TO WORK ON HUMAN BODIES!
I'M SURE, I DON'T KNOW!

THE NEXT DAY, THEY TRIED AGAIN--
OUCH! I NICKED MY FINGER!
HE'S FORGOTTEN TO REPORT THE TREASURE! HOW CAN I GET IT OUT?

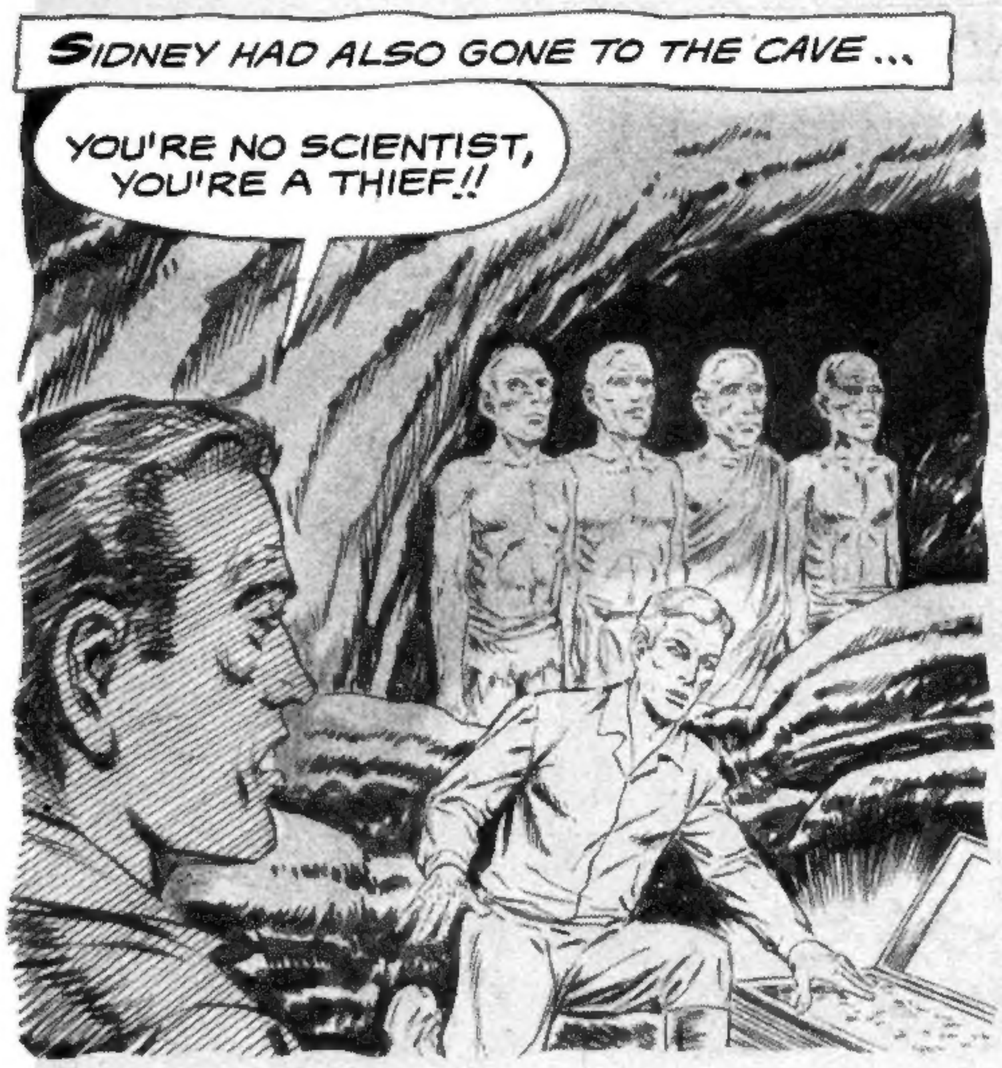
SIDNEY, SIDNEY-- IT... IT... JUST... JUST OPENED ITS EYES!

REALLY, CHARLES, YOU'RE HAVING HALLUCINATIONS!
THE EYES OPENED... --I'M SURE OF IT!

SIDNEY, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR SARCASM!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE! I QUIT!

THAT NIGHT CHARLES IS RESTLESS!
CHARLES, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GOING TO THE CAVE! THAT CORPSE MAY COME ALIVE...

DEAR--IT'S DANGEROUS... PLEASE DON'T GO--
I MUST GO--


SIDNEY HAD ALSO GONE TO THE CAVE...
YOU'RE NO SCIENTIST, YOU'RE A THIEF!!

I'LL KILL YOU! I MUST HAVE THAT TREASURE!!

LOOK-OUT!--THE CORPSE I INJECTED...
YOU'LL BE THE CORPSE!

CHARLES' HEAD HIT A ROCK AND HIS BLOOD SPATTERED THE CORPSE!
MY HEAD--OH! LOOK, THE CORPSE! ITS EYES ARE OPEN!

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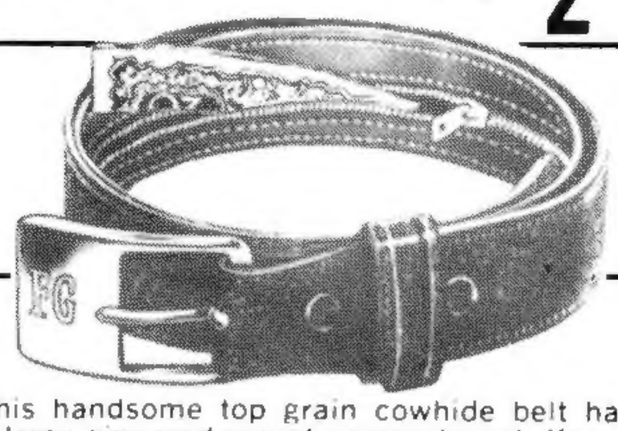

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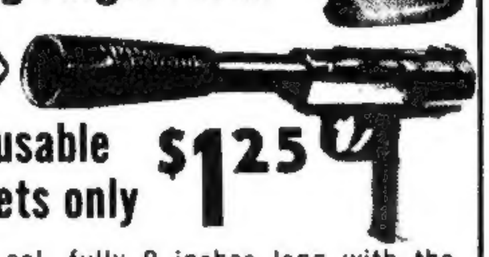

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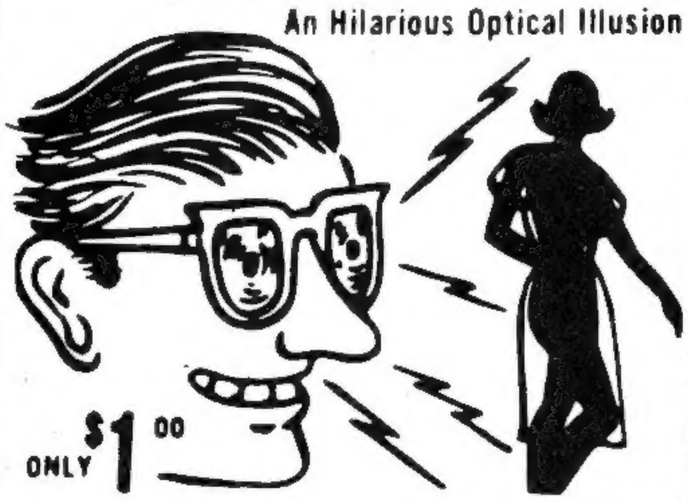

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THE CORPSE-- IT'S MOVING

THE CORPSE APPROACHED SIDNEY...
WAIT! I GAVE YOU LIFE! I SPILLED CHARLES' BLOOD SO YOU COULD LIVE!

OH, NO! HELP ME, CHARLES! HELP ME! STOP HIM!

MEANWHILE, JEAN HAD CALLED THE POLICE...
HURRY, OFFICERS! I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY HUSBAND!

JEANNE FINDS THE END OF CHARLES' STRANGE EXPERIMENT! CHARLES' DEAD, SIDNEY'S DEAD! HIS SERUM HAD WORKED A LITTLE WHILE, BUT THE CORPSE HAD GONE BACK TO DEATH WITH THE SECRET...
THAT CORPSE WAS ALIVE, IT KILLED THEM!!
The End